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EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

S.S. CHINA STILL ON REEF.

Shanghai, January 23.
The hullion has been removed from the S.S. China which is still on the reef. Salvage work has started.

SHANGHAI OPIUM CASE.

Shanghai, January 23.
Six Chinese appeared on remand in the Allen opium case at the Mixed Court. Two were discharged and four were given sentences varying from one to four years.

ROME-TOKIO FLIGHT.

Shanghai, January 23.
A Chinese Government representative is collaborating with the Aero Club officials for a reception to the Rome-Tokio fliers.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Jan. 20.
M. Deschanel yesterday afternoon received Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Derby. The three statesmen conferred for nearly an hour. M. Deschanel received also Signor Nitti.
M. Clemenceau will continue to preside over the Supreme Council. The new Cabinet was introduced this morning to M. Poincaré and the nomination decree was signed immediately. Among the new Ministers who do not belong to Parliament the most prominent is the Minister of Finance, M. François Marsal. Since he was dismissed from the post he held on Marshal Foch's staff he has assisted M. Clemenceau at the War Office and has also held the post of Director of a well-known Paris Bank. M. Isaac, the new Minister for Commerce, is a well-known business man who has been for some years President of the Lyons Chamber of Commerce. The new Minister for Agriculture, M. Ricard, is also a non-parliamentarian, but his fitness for his post may be judged from the fact that for some years past he has been General Secretary of the Agricultural Associations of France. Another typical instance of the manner in which M. Millerand set about choosing competent men for the various positions at his disposal is the creation of a new post of Under Secretary for Technical Education, which was given to M. Capat, who is Secretary of the Mechanics' Federation and has for years interested himself in questions of trade education.—Havas.

PROHIBITION CELEBRATIONS IN AMERICA.

New York, Jan. 17.
Many churches celebrated the incoming of prohibition by hymn singing and ringing of bells at midnight. A unique service took place at a Southern city, where an eccentric Evangelist preached before ten thousand people "John Barleycorn's Funeral Sermon." An enormous coffin, supposed to contain the remains, was carried from the railway station, headed by a brass band and followed by a procession of mourners, one of whom, in a mask and long black robe, represented his Satanic Majesty.

Washington, Jan. 17.
The Inter-collegiate Prohibition Association has endorsed missionary work for promulgating prohibition in Europe and has voted in favour of raising a million dollars for that purpose.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR.

London, Jan. 17.
The "Times" in an article supports the objections made at the recent International Labour Conference at Washington against the nominees which the League of Nations is entitled to appoint on the executive of the International Labour Office being chosen exclusively from European countries. It points out that Belgium is included, while India, China and Japan are left out, despite the enormous populations, of which the majority are manual workers. As such nominees are supposed to represent the nations of chief industrial importance, it is difficult to see how the council of the League of Nations, which when formed will finally decide the nominations, will be able to conclude that no Asiatic country fulfils this provision.

DUTCH WARSHIPS TO CRUISE.

London, Jan. 17.
Dutch newspapers state the Government contemplates despatching certain vessels of the Dutch East Indies squadron, notably the Tromp, Hertog Hendrick, on a cruise to the Straits Settlements, French Indo China, China, Japan and the Philippines.

STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

THE EGYPTIAN TROUBLE.

Cairo, January 20.
The assailant of the Egyptian Premier on December 15, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

THE PRINCE OF WALES TOUR.

London, January 20.
With reference to last night's statement Reuter learns that the Prince of Wales departs for Australasia, via the Panama at the beginning of March. He afterwards returns to England and sails for India, towards the end of the present year. There is no question of re-visiting Canada on the return journey from Australia.

WAR CRIMINALS.

THE LIST ACCEPTED.

Paris, January 20.
M. Clemenceau, Mr. Lloyd George and Signor Nitti have accepted Lord Birkenhead's and M. Ignace's proposal regarding the list of war criminals claimable from Germany.

THE ADRIATIC.

NO SETTLEMENT REACHED.

Paris, January 1.
The Supreme Council broke up without reaching an Adriatic settlement. M. Nitti started for Rome in the evening and Mr. Lloyd George leaves to-morrow. The Jugo Slavs reply to the Adriatic proposal was not considered satisfactory. The Jugo Slavs have been informed that they must accept the Council's proposals or abide by the Pact of London.

TENNIS IN AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, January 20.
As it is raining the Kingscott-Patterson match has been postponed until to-morrow.

ROME-TOKIO FLIGHT.

Rome, January 20.
M. Caproni, who is flying from Rome to Tokio, has arrived at Giola Del Colle, Province Bari.

POLAND FOR THE POLES.

Breslau, January 20.
The German military evacuation of the territory ceded to the Poles is completed.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION.

The following results have been issued by the Senate of the University:—

Pass List (Hongkong Boys).—
Li Yuk Tong, Au Kwong Lai, Yeung Chak Man, Un Kwai Yung, Chow Yat Wa, Tsang Fuk Cho, Cheung Wing Lai, Li Hi Wing, Tam Kui Lam, Chau Kok Chung, Wong Pik Yu (distinction in Chinese), Tam Sau Fung, Lee Shu Tsz and Wong Chan Chung, all of Queen's College; Cheung Kum Yun, Private Study; Li Sau Kwong, Queen's College (distinction in Chinese); Wong Teun Shum, Queen's College; San Shm Chuen, Ying Wah College (distinction in Chinese); Tse Ping Kwan, Ying Wah College; Au King, do. (distinction in Biblical Knowledge); Cheung Kong Cha, do.; Arturo Da Jesus, Joseph Shuk Cheong On, Mario Silva, Carlos Vincente Da Rosa, Arnaldo G. Botelho, Michael Lok Kung Teao (distinction in Biblical knowledge); all of St. Joseph's College; Andrew Kinross, Kowloon British; William Rennie Forsyth, Kowloon British.

Centre-Shanghai.—Ma Char Zui, Public School for Chinese; Dzun Zau Zung, Public School for Chinese; (Chinese and Book-keeping); Chun Foh Ziang, Cooq Teh Zee, Hu Cheng En, Lai Shau Wei, (distinction in Chinese); Chou Ta Kang, Liang Chan Dsin, Shou Piao, Soey Shing Sung, Feng Wah Pong, Wang Sze Yuen, (distinction in Book-keeping); Tsai Yu, all of Public School for Chinese; Victor Framjee Vicejee, Thomas Hanbury School for Boys (distinction in Book-keeping and Stenography); Chang Nyea Tsung, Ellis Kadoorie School (distinction in Chinese); Ting Soeh Chang, Ellis Kadoorie School; Nyea Ching Bae, Ellis Kadoorie School; (distinction in Chinese); Bau Tzu Zung, Zau Pau Yuen, Iau Tsung Kya, Wong Zung Pau and Wang Sz Tsok, all of Medhurst College.

Centre-Java.—Kwik Sie Siang and Sir Lee Teng, Chinese English School.

Centre-Hankow.—Chang Lee Wen and Lan Tse Shiang, Griffith John College.

LOCAL WEDDING.

LEITH-GORDON.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place at St. Joseph's Church this afternoon, when Miss Alexandra Stopani Gordon, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Gordon, was married to Mr. Alister Cameron Leith, only son of the late Mr. Leith and Mrs. Leith of Bedford. Both the bride and bridegroom are extremely well-known and popular in the Colony, the latter being on the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. Father Augustine, was largely attended by leading residents of the Colony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of charmeuse and georgette with long satin train which bore orange blossoms on the corners. She carried a sheaf bouquet of arum lilies. Miss Jean Grant Gordon (sister of the bride) and Miss Diana Arthur were the bridesmaids, and they wore dresses of mauve silk jersey cloth trimmed with violet, whilst their georgette hats were of the same colour with violet crowns. They also carried bouquets of violets. Master William Stabb, who acted as page, was dressed in a sailor suit. Mr. G. B. Layton discharged the duties of "best man." The service was choral. E. J. Chapman presiding at the organ and rendering the Wedding March at the conclusion of the ceremony.

A reception was afterwards held at the Hongkong Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Leith were the recipients of the congratulations of the many guests. The honeymoon will be spent at Panling and Baguio, the Philippines.

Hongkong Girls.—Winifred Agnes Robinson, Diocesan Girls' School (distinction in English and Biblical Knowledge); Lena Choi, Diocesan Girls' School; Agnes Armstrong McNeillie, Victoria British School; Annabelle Wong, Lydia Vaa, Kwan Wai Fong (distinction in Chinese & Needlework); Ethelyn Chenailloy and Bernice Chenailloy (all of Bellin Public School); Florence Ellistetter, George, Kowloon British School; Irene Ahwee, St. Mary's School.

RACING NEWS.

MANY INTERESTING ITEMS.

With the nearer approach of the Races the work of training is becoming a great deal more interesting, and there was a large crowd at Happy Valley this morning to witness the gallops.

It was unfortunate that a thick ground mist hung over the course for a long time and the as a consequence a good many "quarters" could not be recorded, as will be seen from the blanks in the times recorded below. Most of the galloping was done on the sand track, and some fast times were made.

The best gallop of the morning was that of Pile Driver, "John Peel's" fancied Derby candidate. After a full distance of 134 miles, it did the last quarter in 31.3/5 secs., the last half-mile time being 1.06.3/5; and the last mile 2.15.3/5. The full time was 4.04.3/5, quite fast for such a long distance.

Among the old ponies, Mountain King did quite a good gallop, doing a full mile-and-a-half in 3.25. His last quarter was 30.3/5 secs., the half 1.05, and the last mile 2.15.

Among the subscription griffins there was nothing very noteworthy recorded, but all the times will be found below.

It appears as though the Race Meeting will be rather handicapped by a shortage of jockeys. Owing to injuries sustained while riding at Shanghai, Mr. Burkill and Mr. Beith will not be able to attend, and it is known that Mr. Knoll will also be out of the picture. This morning Mr. Vida was riding some of Sir Paul's string, but this stable does not go through its gallops until to-morrow morning.

A very interesting feature of this morning's gathering, and one which is now the talk of racing circles, was the sale of three ponies which belonged to the late Mr. B. S. Kapteyn and which are entered for this meeting. It was expected that good prices would be realised, but one was hardly prepared for the very high prices they fetched. The first offered was "Louza"—a subscription griffin which has shown up very well in the training. Bidding started at \$1,000 and quickly rose by hundreds until it was knocked down to Mr. G. C. Moxon for the high price of \$2,000. "Sinza," another subscription griffin, was started at \$300 and rose by fifty's until Mr. L. N. Leefe became the purchaser at \$850. "Spotted Sand," an old pony, described as "a winner of races" was started at \$500 and by bids of \$50 went up to \$1,350, at which price Mr. A.M.L. Soares was the buyer. It will thus be seen that no less than \$3,200 was realised. Mr. G. W. Gegg, of Messrs. Hughes and Hough's was the auctioneer. The sale excited much interest.

The times recorded are given below:—

DERBY GRIFFINS.

Farmer.—44; 1.35.4/5; 2.07; 2.44.2/5; 3.24; —; 4.31.3/5.
Alaska Chief.—36.2/5; —; 1.44.
Pile Driver.—; —; 1.49; 2.21.3/5; 2.58; 3.33; 4.04.3/5.
Wilkin's Micawber.—38.2/5; 1.19; 2.00; 2.37.1/5; 3.15.4/5; 3.53; 4.25.2/5.
Allied King.—36.3/5; 1.10.3/5; 1.44.1/5; 2.15.2/5.
Spoilt Child.—45.3/5; —; 2.58.2/5; 3.38.2/5; 4.13; 4.42.
Algerian Chief.—37; 1.16; 1.51; 2.22.
Islesman.—41.1/5; 1.19; 1.56.2/5; 2.32; 3.07.1/5; 3.39.1/5.
Plain John.—37; 1.14; 1.49; 2.22.3/5; 2.58.3/5; 3.34.3/5; 4.07.
Cigar Box.—48; 1.34; 2.16; 2.55; 3.33; 4.08; 4.40.
Cadzow's Glen.—35; 1.08; 1.41.3/5.
Aviation.—40; 1.13; 1.55; 2.31; 3.07; 3.42; 4.16.
Hongkong Chief.—36; 1.14; 1.50.1/5; 2.25; 2.55; 1/5.
Talisman.—41; 1.20; 1.57.2/5; 2.28.2/5.
Naughty Child.—44; 1.27.2/5; 2.08.2/5; 2.47; 3.25.1/5; 4.01; 4.32.2/5.
Charles and High Tide.—40; 1.20; 1.58; 2.35; 3.10.2/5; 3.42.3/5; 4.20.3/5.

WORLD AERIAL DERBY.

COMMISSION IN HONGKONG.

The Commission organising the first Aerial Derby around the world arrived in Hongkong this morning on the Pacific Mail steamship Colombia from Manila. The Commission is composed of Commodore Louis D. Beaumont (President), Major Charles J. Glidden, U.S.A., F.R.G.S. (Executive Secretary), and Mr. Benjamin Hillman (Treasurer).

The Commission was received in Japan, China and Manila by the heads of Governments and leading citizens of the several countries and will remain several days in Hongkong, making a visit to Canton.

Aero Clubs were organised at Peking and Shanghai, and there is a probability of one being organised in this city and Canton.

During their stay here, the Commission will meet officials of the Government and business men, to whom will be explained the object of their visit, which is simply to advance aviation, as they have no financial interest in aircraft of any make.

Since leaving the United States, they have travelled over 18,000 miles and will continue their journey around the world after their work here is completed, visiting Saigon, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, Bangkok, India, Ceylon and many other countries.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

Surprise.—40; 1.20; 1.57; 2.28.1/5.
Rysa and Craigmount.—41; 1.20; 1.53; 2.34; 3.09.
Wee Mouse.—42; 1.19; 1.56; 2.30; 3.02.3/5.
Trumpet.—36.2/5; 1.13; 1.48.2/5; 2.24.
Ochello.—35.3/5; 1.11.2/5; 1.44.1/5.
Bayford and Wakeford.—36; 1.08; 1.49.
Mammy's Child.—44; 1.20.2/5; 1.53.4/5; 2.35.2/5; 3.12; 3.45.3/5.
Brutus.—35.2/5; 1.12.1/5; 1.46.3/5; 2.19.
Savermark.—36; 1.12; 1.44.3/5.
Kipper.—37; —; 1.45.4/5.
Ben and Chimes.—38; 1.16; —; 2.29.
Ludlow.—; 1.14; 1.51.
Trevelyan.—36; 1.11.1/5; 1.46.2/5; 2.22.
Louza.—48; 1.28; 2.05; 2.40; 3.15; 3.47.

OLD PONIES.

Kalamazoo.—45; 1.29.2/5; 2.07; 2.45; 3.25; 3.55.
Black Prince.—36.3/5; 1.11.4/5; 1.46.
Red Robe.—37; 1.10.2/5; 1.44.
Sumatra Chief.—38; 1.12; —; 2.22; 2.55.
Colinton.—36; 1.10.2/5; 1.46; 2.22; 2.55.
Salamander.—43; 1.20; 1.59; 2.37; 3.09.
Mountain King.—35; 1.10; 1.45; 2.20; 2.54.2/5; 3.25.
Champion Dahlia.—35; 1.05; Rochester.—36; 1.12; 1.44.3/5.
Siamese Cat.—42; 1.18.2/5; 1.56; 2.31.4/5; 3.04.3/5; 3.35.3/5.
Sandy.—39; 1.15; 1.48.
Mighty King.—39.3/5; 1.18; 1.52.2/5; 2.27.1/5; 2.59.2/5; 3.30.
Snuff Box.—40; 1.18; 1.54; 2.28.2/5.
Scotchbox.—40; 1.18; 1.54; 2.27.2/5.
Spotted Sand.—38; 1.16.3/5; 1.51.1/5; 2.21.

LARSEN GRIFFINS.

King Bruce.—44; 1.35.4/5; 2.07; 2.44.2/5; 3.24; —; 4.31.3/5.
Sunspot.—43; 1.20; 1.56; 2.31; 3.05; 3.38.2/5.
King Cole.—37; 1.10.2/5; 1.44.
Jazz Fly.—36.2/5; 1.13; 1.48.2/5; 2.30.
Sandmartin.—48; 1.34; 2.16; 2.55; 3.33; 4.08; 4.40.
Exchange.—31; 1.18; 1.51.2/5.
The following times were recorded yesterday:—
Lord Lorne (Derby).—40; 1.17; —; 2.28; 3.03.2/5; 3.38; 4.12.
Red Ensign (Derby).—35; 1.11; 1.48; 2.24.
Paper Money (Derby).—39; 1.16; 1.51; 2.28; 3.03; 3.37.2/5.
Buck Up and Buzz Off (subs).—42; 1.21; 1.58.3/5; 2.31.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 55.1/4d.

OBITUARY.

MR. N. G. NOLAN.

Many residents have learned with deep regret of the death, at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, of Mr. Nicholas George Nolan, who for close on 29 years had been in the service of the Government as an interpreter. Deceased, who was 44 years of age, had been ailing for some time and had been under treatment at the hospital for about three weeks.

The late Mr. Nolan entered the Government service in 1891 as student interpreter in the Registrar General's Office and soon made his mark. He was appointed First Interpreter at the Magistracy in 1901, acting Assistant Interpreter at the Supreme Court in 1904 and Chief Interpreter there in 1909, which position he held to the time of his death. He was an extremely capable man in these capacities and spoke Cantonese, Chiu Chau and Hok-lo almost like a native. In 1916 he was appointed a member of the Board of Examiners and in 1918 a Commissioner to Administer Oaths, etc. He was a member of the Defence Corps. Deceased was of a quiet and reserved disposition and was much liked by all who enjoyed his friendship. He leaves a widow and a large family, with whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral takes place this evening, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

MILITARY WEDDING.

LIEUT. LOVEGROVE-MISS FREEMAN.

A military wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral this morning and was largely attended by local Service men. The contracting parties were Lieut. C. G. Lovegrove, R.G.A., son of Mr. J. W. Lovegrove, of London, and Miss M. A. Freeman, who recently arrived in the Colony from Home.

The service was conducted by the Rev. M. W. Shewell, Chaplain to the Forces. The bride, who was given away by Lieut. Col. W. Loring, C.R.A., was attended by two little pages and was charmingly attired. The duties of best man were discharged by Lieut. C. Morgan, R.G.A. Appropriate volantes were rendered on the organ by Mr. J. W. White, the organist.

A reception was afterwards held at the R.A. Mess, Bowen Road, and the honeymoon will be spent at Macao.

DAY BY DAY.

Among the forthcoming marriages announced is that of Mr. J. A. Young, a clerk, of 4a Upper Mosque Street, to Miss M. Hurley, of 3, Moraton Terrace, Causeway Bay.

A Chinese who was found lying at King's Park in an unconscious condition has been removed to the Government Civil Hospital. Medical examination of his condition showed that he had taken poison, probably with the intention of committing suicide.

The licensed fishing junk, No. 1170, was, on the night of the 20th instant, pirated, and money and clothing belonging to the crew, amounting in value to a sum of \$31.10, were stolen. The fishing junk fell in with the pirate junk near San Sze Mun. Her crew of six men were forced by the pirates into the hold, where they were kept until the pirates had ransacked the boat. A report of the occurrence was made by the master of the unfortunate junk to the Hongkong Police on Wednesday. He said that the pirates were armed with revolvers.

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THE PRESS GALLERY.

A WOMAN'S VISIT.
BY MARGUERITE CODY.

Women can sit in the House of Commons, and women can watch the proceedings from three public galleries. But the Press Gallery is still a masculine preserve. I say still advisedly; for the admission of a woman journalist to report Lady Astor's introduction on Monday afternoon did not completely break down its barriers. All the seats in the Press Gallery are allotted by ticket, and any application made on behalf of a woman journalist must be placed before a committee of Gallery members. Early this year, when the restrictions regarding the presence of women in the galleries hitherto reserved for men were removed, the editor of a lady's paper applied for a seat for a woman representative. It was refused on the ground that the accommodation was still insufficient to give seats to all the men who were entitled to them.

The Press Gallery is more conservative in its rules and regulations than Parliament itself. From my conversation with several of its members on Monday, I gathered the impression that my sex was not really wanted there. "Is there a new rule?" asked one pressman. I set his mind at rest by explaining that it was a special occasion. No unkind or unchivalrous remarks were made in my hearing; but looks were challenging.

The more friendly of the gallery-men treated my presence as a joke. "Mind you're a good girl and behave yourself nicely," said one old acquaintance, patting me kindly on the shoulder. "You mustn't chatter," said another. "There is work being done here." No one seemed to realise that I also had come to work. I was not there out of frivolous curiosity, nor did I desire to win notoriety as a pioneer.

The gallery itself, which should command a good view of House, seemed to me strangely inadequate for the purpose. Every inch of space was occupied by men sitting and standing. From the back benches one could not hear what was going on beneath; and even when seated in the front row of boxes, where I was given a place, it was difficult to follow the speeches. In order to see what was happening at the clerks' table (which is immediately beneath the gallery) when Lady Astor was introduced, I had to lean over the railing. I carried away the impression that those men who should be most in touch with modern thought and political changes still think that woman has no interest in anything save dress. No one will ever convince me that the gallery did not believe I had been sent amongst them for the express purpose of describing Lady Astor's hat. Perhaps, when they hear the lady member making speeches on serious topics, and see her recording her vote on vital questions, their ideas may undergo a change. Personally I do not anticipate, for the present, any determined attempt by woman journalists to break down the barriers of admission to the Press Gallery. By the time there are a dozen, or so women M.P.s they will doubtless have reconciled themselves to our permanent appearance in their preserve.

GENERAL NEWS.

PREMIUM BONDS "NOT DEAD."

Interviewed by a press representative, Mr. Bottomley, said the Government division on the question of Premium Bonds in no way reflected the true feeling of the House. "Although the Government Whips were taken off, the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a strong speech against the scheme," said Mr. Bottomley, "and even after that, when the House was veering back into its favour, Mr. Bonar Law was brought specially in to wind up the debate, his final appeal to the House being to put itself in the position of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which meant, in other words, a vote for the motion would be tantamount to a vote of censure upon him. This had the effect of frightening a large number of Coalition members, whilst many others abstained. However," said Mr. Bottomley, "it is the thin end of the wedge, and that Premium Bonds will some day come in as certain as that the present Government will some day go." "The scheme," added the member for Hackney, "is by no means dead, and I have in mind a method of putting it into operation which will shortly be announced."

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NEW THEORY OF THE
UNIVERSE.TERRIBLE TIME COMING
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To a small and distinguished gathering at Lord Glenconner's residence recently Sir Oliver Lodge explained the theory of Einstein, whose predictions were recently partially confirmed by the solar expedition and given to the world by the Astronomer Royal.

So complicated has this revolutionary theory proved that even some of the most learned have been confounded. In the small audience the new acid test was applied to such diverse minds as those of Lord Haldane, Mr. Balfour, and the Bishop of London. Sir Oliver Lodge gave the foundation of the theory in this way:—

So long as matter is stationary with matter its motion with respect to the ether produces no sort of optical effect, though this effect has been sought by observers in the last half-century. Hence Einstein said: Let us assume that it is impossible to observe motion through ether, but that compensation will always be complete; and let us work out a physics on that hypothesis. "We do not know," he said, "whether the earth is moving a thousand miles a second or only an inch an hour. All our attempts to measure such ideas of motion are frustrated by some compensating influences which are embedded in the ether. So in 1905 Einstein virtually said: We must assume that we shall never be able to get anything about the motions of matter through the ether and we can only make deductions from the relativity of other motions of matter."

Hence the new physics, declared Sir Oliver, requires four co-ordinates—not merely length, breadth and width—but time. Gravity, too, ceases to become a force, but becomes a quality in a fourth dimensioned space.

The death knell of the ether has been sounded, and there come strangely varying properties out of emptiness, for Einstein's theory is not dynamical. Euclid becomes incorrect when applied to existing realities.

"Either there is a boundary to space or there is not; but, personally, I cannot conceive either. Though we must assume that one of these theories is right. "To my mind, the great achievement of Einstein is his discovery of gravity in its relation to other forces."

Sir Oliver concluded with a prediction that the new physics would dominate all other physics and the next generation of mathematical professors would have a terrible time of it. (Laughter.)

For University courses and for all purposes of scholastic instruction we shall have the Galilean and Newtonian dynamics, but they will reign as a limited monarchy, and sooner or later the Einstein physics will influence the intelligent man."

Replying to Dr. Schuster, who voiced the thanks of the company, Sir Oliver Lodge said the younger scientists of to-day were pursuing Einstein's path with brilliant success.

"G.B.S." AMONG THE
TAILORS.AN IRISH GRIEVANCE AND
A MISFIT.

Recently Mr. George Bernard Shaw's play "Androcles and the Lion" was running at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin.

A tailor is one of the characters, and a branch of the Amalgamated Society of Tailors in a very important Irish town apparently came to the conclusion that G.B.S. was holding their craft to up ridicule.

They consequently wrote a letter to Mr. Lennox Robinson, the manager.

Dear Sir.—At a special meeting the Abbey play was discussed, about the part of the tailor. The members think it is out of place and little making, and if you could remove it from the play they would feel obliged.

An early reply will much oblige and pardon me if I am intruding. Mr. Robinson, having sent this document on to Mr. Shaw, has received the following reply:—

Thank you for sending me the letter of the tailors. I was amazed at its contents. Ever since the theatre existed tailors have been introduced into plays only to be ridiculed, called snip, made the butt of jests about being only the ninth part of a man, and represented as cowards and staving.

Even Shakespeare makes the hero of one of his plays address a tailor in the following terms:—

"Thou liest, thou thread, thou thimble, thou yard, three-quarters, half-yard, quarter nail. Thou flea, thou nit, thou winter cricket, thou—brav'd in mine own house with a skein of thread? Away! thou rag, thou quantity, thou remnant; or I shall so be-mete thee with thy yard, as thou shalt think on prating whilst thou liv'st."

These lines have been spoken on the stage for 300 years, and many others, equally insulting, by English authors, and no Irish tailor has ever protested.

But when an Irish author for the first time makes a tailor the hero of a play, representing him as gentle, kindly, brave, wise, devoted, a martyr to the Christian faith, and greatly the superior of the Emperor, who runs to him for protection; then, if you please, for the first time in history, a society of Irish tailors tells me that I am belittling them, and ask me to remove the tailor from the play.

I shall feel much obliged if you will send copies of this correspondence to the Amalgamated Society of Tailors, and ask them whether the views of this branch represent the views of the whole society.

As I have been for 40 years past a supporter of labour and trade unionism on the platform and in the Press, and have never put a play on the stage in which the craft either of tailoring or any other form of honourable labour was treated as a badge of inferiority. I am much surprised at being attacked in the quarter where I had the best right to expect fair play and friendly consideration.

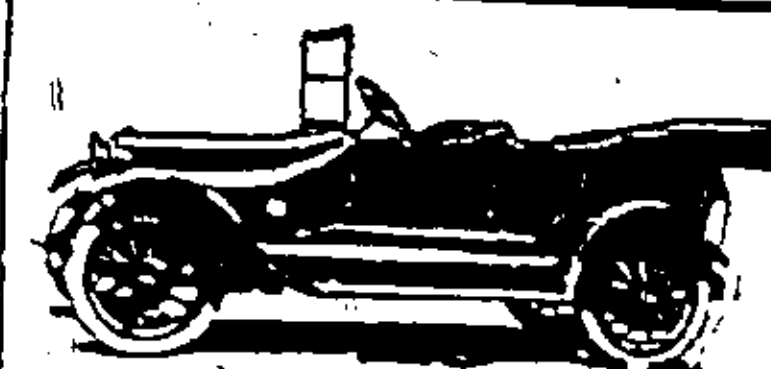
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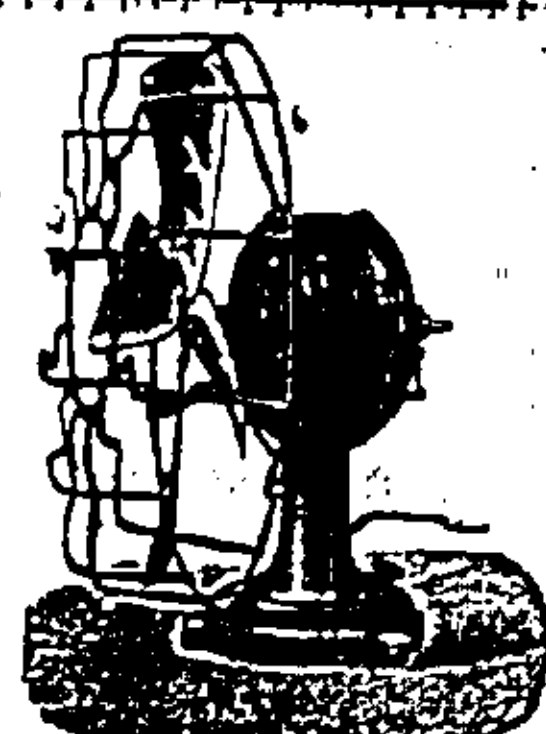
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OUR NAVY OF THE FUTURE

LORD BEATTY'S POLICY OF SEA POWER.

(BY GERARD FIENNES)

The building of the Hood, or
rather, the cost at which she was
built—has been an "eye-opener"
to the public which seems likely
to have no small effect on naval
policy in the future. Except
under the stress of war, it is
almost impossible to conceive an
Admiralty giving an order for a
ship which would cost complete
£6,000,000. It is not twenty
years since the figure of one
million as the cost of a battleship
was quoted with bated breath.
No nation, except perhaps, the
United States, could afford to
keep a navy of these costly mas-
tods, and the United States will
probably soon get tired of the
game. Yet with the armament,
speed, and protection needed to-
day, it is difficult to see how
any naval Power can take a
backward step, if fleets of capital
ships are still to be retained.

Fortunately, we have sufficient
heavy ships to see us through a
transition stage in the present
condition of the world's navies.
The United States alone have a
navy which anywhere approaches
ours, and, quite apart from the
ties which join us in friendship
and in policy, geographical con-
siderations prevent that fleet
from being anything of a menace
to our security, at least in home
waters! In any case we cannot
base our naval policy on any-
thing so remote as the chance of
rivalry with Uncle Sam.

What, then, is likely to be the
policy of the Admiralty under the
professional guidance of Lord
Beatty?

Not exactly "wait and see,"
to drag that hard-worked phrase
once more out of its stable. We
cannot fold our hands. We must
be frugal in expenditure, but we
must be sure that our naval
preparations embody the latest
and best thought and the most
efficient appliances. There is a
multitude of counsellors whose
word demands respect, some, like
Lord Fisher, insisting that the
future lies with the submarine,
or the submarine and aircraft
combined, some prepared to stake
everything on the development
of aircraft alone, who hold that
the Navy which flies has alto-
gether superseded the Navy that
floats. Others, again, hold that
the surface-ship still holds her
pride of place, but that we are
back once more to the days when
we were before the German menace
compelled us to call home the
legions and concentrate our
strength in the North Sea.

That appears to be the safest
foundation on which to start. It
is also one which is in keeping
with our peaceful intentions.
It makes the Navy once more a
police force and a link between
the scattered peoples of the
Commonwealth. If we should try
to-day to apply Lord Fisher's
formula, "Train where you will
fight," we should be hard put to

it to find a training-ground. But
our obligations under the Conven-
ant of the League of Nations will
require that we be able to sup-
port the policy of the League by
sea power, and this, no less than
our own safety, demands that the
Navy shall remain adequate. It
should be in the future, as it has
been in the past, the world's
greatest peace-maker. Other-
wise, our debt to humanity is
undischarged.

It is desirable to emphasise
this point just now, for there are
not wanting in locations that the
necessities of our position on land
will tend to overshadow those of
our naval position, and that the
economies which must needs be
carried out will be at the expense
of a Navy rather than of the
Army. Of course, there is room
for both, but we must maintain
our sense of proportion, and
realise that we continue to be
first and foremost a Sea Power.

If we cannot "wait," however,
it is our bounden duty to "see."
The lessons of the war have not
as yet been thought out in regard
to all times and all places. The
accidents have not been separated
from the substance and many
of the lessons are as yet indica-
tions merely and not full-blown
realisations. Thorough and care-
ful research and experiment is of
the first importance. The British
nation proved during the war
that it possessed scientific brains
as good as those of any other
nation in the world. It has yet
to prove its willingness to use
them at a stretch as well as at a
pinch.

Many problems with regard to
submersibility, to protection, to
speed and propulsion, to the use
and design of air-craft lie before
Lord Beatty and his colleagues
and advisers. The use of the air
in conjunction with, and not
apart from the sea is, perhaps,
the wisest of these.

A strong man is needed at the
Admiralty just now to see that
the Air Force is not collared by
the War Office, or allowed to de-
velop independently on lines which
bear no thought-out relation to
sea power. I believe that these
considerations are very much in
Lord Beatty's mind, and he has
the great advantage of undimmed
prestige in his task of enforcing
the naval point of view in all future
arrangements for defence. The
strength of his will nobody doubts.
The only thing which could
possibly fail him is official experi-
ence. That he will gain, if public
opinion will give him time by not
running too fast ahead in pursuit
of novelty and cheapness.

The necessary experiments will
cost money, but that should not
be grudged for the purpose. A
far greater sum might easily be
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struction be almost entirely
suspended, as it safely may be for
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Rockcliff is a hamlet where a
busy open stream loops round the
church and skirts the end of a
long, low building before it dives
beneath the road. The building
was once the village institute,
and in three cottages in the
neighbourhood beer was sold.
The beerhouses have now been
closed, and the Mountsey Arms,
as the institute is called, takes
their place.

You enter through a wide stone
porch, with fat beer barrels lying
on their sides at the farther end.
Round the stone-flagged parlour,
with bright prints on the walls,
are ranged huge armchairs that
suggest churchwarden pipes and
tankards. Beyond this room is
a larger one that needs lamplight
and company to make it cheerful.
There is a billiard table here,
the institute library, brought up
to date by the Liquor Control
Board, and the old border land-
lady, proud of her promotion from
one of the beerhouses that have
gone to relieve the housing short-
age, and looking forward to the
summer for cyclists in search of
her famous teas. This is an
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back some of the joys of the
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green and a court for quito and
a building on two sides of it. The
side of the building overlooking
the garden is all windows, open-
ing on a wide terrace of
red sandstone, with deep benches
for summer nights. At the
angle of the building is
a dining-room there any man
may drink beer with his
meal for the trouble of fetching it
from the room next door, which
leads again to the billiard and
social room.

The feature of the dining-room
is a great Scots ingle, built for
the most part of old materials. A
great fire blazes on the flagged
hearth, and large seats taken
from an old public-house flank it.
The ingle with its cosy, low ceil-
ing, is almost a room in itself.
The whole place is decorated
in primrose and scarlet and
bright blue. Its cheerfulness at-
tracts not only working men but
teachers, doctors, and bank
managers. The other wing of
this people's hall contains a
picture palace, with tip-up seats,
and all the latest films. A room
used in summer as a tea-room, with
large windows opening on to the
flagged terrace, is used at present
by farmers and market men who
want to transact their business
under cover. Every activity of
this palace, both in winter and
summer, is run by the State. It
was erected to meet the needs of
the Gracie workers, but it is pay-
ing its way in every department,
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GENERAL NEWS.

POSTMEN'S XMAS BOX.

There is a growing revolt
among London postmen against
the practice of asking for Christ-
mas boxes, writes a *Daily Chronicle*
representative. The objection
originated among the Ilford men,
and now postmen from Waltham-
stow, Rotherhithe, Camberwell,
Hampstead and the Northern
district office have decided not to
canvass the public for Christmas
boxes this year, and in some
cases bills have been issued ask-
ing the public not to give. An
officer of the Postmen's Federation
explained the position to a *Daily
Chronicle* representative. "We
think it is degrading to us to go
round every Christmas and edge
for money," he said. "It is ask-
ing the public to pay for the
Government, because whenever
we demand increased pay the two
things which are always thrown
in our face are overtime and
Christmas boxes." The system
was started about 1865, when the
pay of postmen was so bad that
the Government was obliged to
offer some extra inducement.
"Of course, those days there were
homes built out of the Christmas
boxes by some of the men, but
that's all over. I have 20 years'
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BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPPING.

At the outbreak of the Great European War, the British Merchant Fleet carried one-half of the overseas trade of the world. Vessels owned by British shipping companies entering ports of the British Isles carried three-fourths of the imports and exports. At that very critical period, if England had not been able to keep her ships moving, or if she had not possessed the necessary tonnage, her industries would have been paralysed, and the inhabitants of the British Isles would have been in a state of starvation. Nor could France have held out for very long. But such a calamity to civilisation did not take place. The British Merchant Service, protected by the fighting Fleet, held the seas and, in spite of the "sink without trace" policy of Germany's leaders, continued to feed the civilian population of Great Britain, the Armies of England, France, Belgium and afterwards, to a very great extent, those of America in addition, right up to the fateful hour on the 11th of November, 1918, when Germany signed the recognition of her complete collapse.

Some idea of the magnitude of what the British Merchant Service undertook in the way of transport may be gathered from the official statistics. Over 23 million effectives and 31½ million non-effectives were transported, with a loss by enemy action of 4,394. The following figures are correct and show what the English Merchant Service transported during the War—193,000 prisoners, 2½ million animals, 48 million tons of British military stores, 512,000 vehicles, 5 million tons of Allied stores, 60 thousand million tons of oil and fuel. To England was conveyed from abroad in British bottoms 130 thousand million tons of foodstuffs and other materials. Then there was the transport of the American Army. All the world, Germany included, looked on in amazement at this feat. Admiral Sims has put Great Britain's share on record thus: "Americans," he said, "seemed to regard it as a miracle that their Navy had transported to Europe in a few months a million and a half troops and had protected them on the way. Americans did not do that. Great Britain did. She brought two-thirds of them and escorted half." Since the signing of the Armistice the greater part of America's fighting forces have been returned to the U.S.A. by American ships. We have dealt so far with past achievements, but what about present and future developments of the British Mercantile Marine? The leeway lost during the war, owing to the enemy submarine campaign, is fast being made up. In the first six months of 1919, 280 vessels of 733,207 tons gross were launched by the shipbuilding yards of Great Britain, and concurrently with this, the Admiralty released a number of merchant vessels which had been taken over as auxiliary cruisers, mine sweepers, etc. These ships go straight to the yards, are reconducted for "Trade" warfare and returned to their private owners. Moreover, 183 vessels of 659,800 tons were begun in the June quarter, bringing the amount of new construction in the U.K. up to 782 vessels of 2½ million tons gross. These show a very marked increase on last year's figures and with the release of men from the Army and Navy by demobilisation, the construction of merchant shipping in the British Isles will go on increasing.

Britain is not only holding her own in the production of new tonnage, but is ahead of any other country. Moreover, owing to the labour conditions in England, the cost of production is cheaper than in the U.S.A. which is Britain's runner-up in the shipbuilding race. In September last, one-third of the world's tonnage under construction was British, and if the output keeps on increasing at the present rate, it is possible to predict that we shall very soon see England owning, as she did before the war, almost one-half the shipping of the entire globe. Britain promises to become, as she was before, the world's carrier by sea, and the Red Ensign of the Mercantile Marine will float in the breezes of every ocean.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

KOWLOON RENTS.

One wonders what the Government thinks of the housing problem now that it has become public knowledge that there is to be an almost general increase in the rentals paid by residents in Kowloon. The high rents already paid have been the subject of much comment, but with another increase foreshadowed it would seem to be high time that something official was done to counteract the tendency of continual increase. Is it always going to be talk and no action? For months past we have been promised relief in the way of more provision, but the Government hotel or flats seem every bit as far away. And with regard to the impending rise of which Kowloon residents have now been notified there is no explanation given as to why the increase is being made. Is it another of those "economic" rises or can it be explained satisfactorily at all? The tendency for the cost of living to rise in all directions is a really serious one and it is high time that something was done to relieve the situation, at least as regards the very elementary provision of some where to live. We have been pegging away at this matter for longer than is complimentary to the Colony; how many more times are we going to have occasion to refer to it? There is the oft-repeated story of "beating a dead horse" and to urge the Government to start doing something with regard to housing in Kowloon seems to be as futile as the process indicated in the quotation.

PROHIBITION.

America seems to be enjoying the complete incoming of "Prohibition," at least the religious section of the community does. Judging from the description which Reuters's Washington correspondent has sent out. To hold a funeral on a supposed "John Barleycorn" and to mock the Christian rite of burial may be a very nice piece of propaganda for those who like such things, but for an Association to support the promulgation of Prohibition in Europe by the raising of a million dollars in missionary work is to invite the criticism of the outside world. For Americans to work for prohibition in America is a matter with which no other nations can be said to be concerned, but when an American movement is taken into another country and prosecuted by Americans it is just as well to point out that they risk whatever reception the people of the country concerned care to give them. It may be a good thing for a country to go "dry" and it may not, but the fundamental thing to remember is that until the demand for prohibition is a free will expression of the majority of people within that country, any legislation would be dangerously premature. American prohibitionists may think they have an inspired mission to fulfil in going into other countries preaching "the glad tidings" of no drinks, but it would be far better to let native missionaries of a country do all the preaching they think requisite. England has a sufficiently strong temperance movement without needing reinforcement by foreigners.

THE RAILWAYMEN.

One cannot read the speeches of Mr. J. H. Thomas, the leader of the railwaymen at Home, and Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister for Transport, without realising that the Government has given way to the railwaymen to a very great extent and that the men are now in an economic position of considerable security. The figures quoted by Sir Auckland Geddes reveal that the cost of industrial peace to the country is pretty considerable, but there is cause for hope in the fact that the smoother running of the railways that should result from the settlement will bring with it a compensating efficiency in the country's transport facilities. Mr. Thomas made his speech amid considerable interruption and it is thereby made apparent that the extreme section of the workers are in no way pleased with the settlement. The very straight talking that Mr. Thomas indulged in should have a beneficial effect on these people, as should also Sir Auckland Geddes' statement that a rejection of the Government's terms would have struck the severest blow possible at the principles of collective bargaining with the Trades Unions. One can easily see the point on which

DAY BY DAY.

"IF YOU WISH TO REACH THE HIGHEST, BEGIN AT THE LOWEST."—Syrus.

The Gazette contains intimations of the Government's intention to resume 25 specified Survey District lots.

Tenders are being asked for the erection of a public latrine at the junction of Market Street and Nathan Road, Yaumatei.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has appointed Saturday, the 21st February, 1920, to be observed as a General Holiday.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Geoffrey Robley Sayer to act as Deputy Registrar and Appraiser, Supreme Court, until further notice.

Entries for the open Billiard Championship of the Colony close on January 31st to Mr. R.H.B. Mitchell, Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 10th January amounted to 99,234 tons and the sales during the period, to 105,206 tons.

The following additional firms have been granted licences to trade under the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1919:—Takisada & Co., Yee Tai Hong, and Man Loong.

To-night the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns by holding a members' dinner at the Hongkong Hotel at 7.45 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at Queen's College on Saturday, 14th February, at 11 a.m.

A meeting of the Committee recently appointed to enquire and report on the question of the development of the economic resources of the Colony will be held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 26th January, at 3 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Octavius Francis Lubatti to act as Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports and Government Opium Monopoly Analyst, during the absence of Mr. Harry Alan Taylor.

The Sanitary Department has issued a pamphlet in English and Chinese dealing with cerebrospinal meningitis, giving the cause of the disease, factors in its spread, symptoms and treatment. Later we hope to give some extracts from it.

His Excellency the Governor has added the name of Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., to the list of members of the Committee appointed to enquire and report on the question of the development of the economic resources of the Colony of Hongkong.

For selling whisky without meals a Chinese restaurant-keeper was to-day fined \$100. Evidence was given to the effect that the man was seen serving a number of Europeans in his restaurant with a bottle of whiskey, for which he was paid \$3.

It is notified that, in pursuance of Rule 25 of the Rules made by the Governor in Council under sections 3 and 4 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915, all import licences which have been granted under the provisions of the said rules are revoked from the 24th day of January, 1920.

With reference to the recent notification prohibiting the import of foreign dyestuffs, it is notified that dyes actually shipped before the 5th December, 1919, or which will be actually shipped from the country of export before the 5th April, 1920, in execution of orders placed prior to 5th December, 1919, will be allowed to be imported.

such a statement is based. If all demands of Trades Unions are to be absolutely unalterable, why bargain at all? Matters will simply develop into a social war. The process of adjustment must never give place to the process of force. And this is a principle that workers and Trades Unions generally would do well to assimilate once and for all.

1895.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for week ending February 2, 1895.)

THE DOLLAR. January 25th.—The rate of the Dollar on demand to-day is 1s. 11-12d.

THE PLAGUE. January 31st.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a memorial which is now being signed by the landlords of Hongkong, and will probably be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the next outgoing mail. This memorial which the Daily Press erroneously alleges, is already on its way to Downing Street, concluded with an appeal for compensation for the serious loss the petitioners allege they have suffered through "the arbitrary and illegal action" of the permanent committee of the Sanitary Board. The concluding paragraph of the memorial sets forth that "the neglect of the Government or the Sanitary board, or both, was attributable the serious effects of the introduction of bubonic plague from the mainland of China. The Telegraph's opinion on this subject is too well-known to need reiteration here; suffice it to say that all is well that ends well, and if there is no recurrence here of the deadly pest this year, the owners of houses closed during last year's epidemic and the public at large may be thankful that the unwelcome visitor has been got rid of so expeditiously and so cheaply.

BILL LIKES IT! Feb. 2nd. It will doubtless interest many of our friends of the German Club to learn that the favourite lot in the Imperial Palace at Potsdam is "cucumber punch." It was introduced into Germany by Emperor Bill who learned to like and make it when on a visit to some English officers recently. William makes the punch as follows: He takes three bottles of good red wine and pours into a bowl which is kept cool. In this he places a cucumber from which the rind has been removed and allows it to become saturated with the wine. The cucumber is then "pressed out" and three glasses of maraschino are added. Sugar is not used in the punch. Hongkong bar-tenders, please note.

THE ARMED ROBBERIES. January 28.—We hear that an indignation meeting of a number of the leading Chinese merchants of the Colony was held yesterday to frame a fresh petition to the Government in reference to the necessity of extra and much needed Police protection during the Chinese New Year Festivities and, in fact, throughout the winter.

NEW BOXING RULES?

A LONDON CONFERENCE.

New York, December 4.—Following the Carpenter-Beckett contest in London to-night for the European heavyweight championship there was a meeting in London according to private advices received here, of the leading representative of American, and European boxing bodies to consider a new set of ring regulations to supersede the Marquis of Queensberry rules which for decades have governed bouts in all parts of the world.

The meeting was attended by Paul Rousseau, president of the French Federation of Boxing; A. F. Bettinson of the National Sporting Club; Eugene Corri, the famous referee; Victor Bryer, the French promoter, and other prominent boxing authorities. At the meeting a representative of the army, navy and civilian board of boxing control of American and the international Sporting Club of New York submitted the draft of the new code to be known as the International Boxing Rules. Private advices indicate that the new regulations found favour and probably will be adopted after some minor alterations as the rules of the International Boxing Federation for the control of the ring contests throughout the world.

The proposed weight classes will include: Flyweight, 112 pounds; bantamweight, 118 pounds; featherweight, 126 pounds; lightweight, 135 pounds; welterweight, 147 pounds; middleweight, 160 pounds; heavyweight, 175 pounds and over. Under the new rules all weights will be made eight hours before the men enter the ring.

SIBERIAN REFUGEES.

HONGKONG GIFTS.

Very grateful thanks are extended by the collectors to the following, who have sent in clothes, and many miscellaneous articles of value to refugees:—

Mrs. Rodgers, 15, The Peak.
Mr. T. Wilgress, care of C.P.O.S. Ltd.

Mrs. Johnson, 18A, Nathan Road, Kowloon, 2 consignments.

Mrs. Shenton, 138, The Peak.
Miss Judah, The Den, Castle Road.

Mrs. Grimshaw, Quarry Bay.
Mrs. Moss, 4, Tregunter Mansions.

Mrs. Pennefather, 6, Observatory Villa, Kowloon.

Mrs. Pollock, Barrington, Peak.
Mr. H. Komor.

Mrs. Parves, 2, Torres Buildings, Kowloon.

Mr. Wittichell, King Edward Hotel.

Several parcels came in with no name or address.

Donations of money were received as follows:—

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, \$250
Girls of the Bellios Girls' School, per Miss Clarke, 30

Miss E. D. Warren, The Tinklers, Broadwood Road, 10

A Friend, 10

\$304

The garments, etc., sent in are of a most excellent quality, and are sufficient to fill two large cases; 9 pairs of new socks knitted by the ladies of Quarry Bay are included.

With the splendid sum of \$300, a large consignment of thick jerseys and woollen underwear for women and children is being bought and sent off at once, also sewing-cotton, needles, pins, etc., as we are told that there are workrooms, and women who can work, but a sad lack of materials.

Please keep on sending, never mind how little. The winter will soon be over, but there are some months of bitter cold still to be got through in the North.

The undersigned are glad to receive donations of clothes and money:—

Mrs. N. J. Stahl, St. John's Place, Garden Road.

Mrs. Moorhead, 150, The Peak.

Mrs. L. Dunbar, 7, Queen's Gardens.

Parcels may also be sent to the Helena May Institute. Please mark all parcels "Siberian Refugees," and put name and address of sender.

HONGKONG TRADE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—During the interval the Manchester market has again strengthened and both prices and deliveries render simultaneous business impracticable for the most part. The Chinese are anxious buyers of certain cloths fearing still higher rates may be demanded later on but importers generally are not keen on selling anything but spot or cargo actually shipped. The last cotton quotation was 29.65.

Raw Cotton.—Values are practically unaltered and nominal quotations are—Indian grades \$44.56. Chinese grades \$48.60 per picul.

Cotton Yarn.—A moderate amount of business was transacted. Values ruled easier, particularly as regards the higher counts. Quotations are—No. 10s. \$220.250. No. 12s at \$232.270. No. 16s at \$280.325. No. 20s. at \$320.350. Arrivals 9,000 bales. Sales 4,000 bales. Shipments nil.

Unsold Stock, 4,000 bales. Bargains 18,000 bales.

Woolens.—An all-round enquiry exists and moderate orders are being booked.

Metals.—Prices very firm from England but very little business done. Deliveries from America are delayed owing to the recent strikes and supplies locally are becoming scarcer. Small business has been done in nails and bars for quick delivery; parcels evidently bought some time ago.

Business generally quiet.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: About 250,000 sacks. Quotations:—American Patent, \$3.70 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.38 per sack; American Straight, \$3.38 per sack; Shanghai Flour 2nd, \$3.60 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.36 per sack; Australian No. 2, \$3.20 per sack.

DARING THEFT.

SOLDIERS AND SAILOR CATCH THE THIEF.

A particularly daring case of theft was perpetrated by a Chinese at Mr. Kelly Sayce's book-store last night. The subsequent capture of the thief brought for the captors the thanks of the Magistrate at the Police Court this morning, when the thief was convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

It appears from what was said in the Court that the thief displayed a remarkable interest in the books and pictures that were on show in the windows of the shop. For over an hour his attention was concentrated on this and it was not until Mr. Sayce had gone away for dinner, between 7 and 8 o'clock, that the thief showed his real intentions.

Madame Guivenil who looked after the shop in the absence of Mr. Sayce, was attending to several European customers, when the thief came in and, snatching from the desk a cardboard box which contained a sum of over \$15, bolted from the shop. With very praiseworthy promptitude one of the customers, a ship's cook of H.M.S. Hawkins, named John Harris, gave chase, and eventually caught the thief after he had run a great distance, and handed him over to a constable.

In the chase, Harris was accompanied by two privates of the Wiltshire Regiment, whose names are respectively A. E. Drew and E. Hescrocks.

During the pursuit, the wily thief had managed to hide the cash-box in a pile of rubbish in Wardley Street, but it was eventually discovered by Harris.

In a mixture of French and English, Madame Guivenil gave her evidence before Mr. N. L. Smith. Corroborative evidence was also given by John Harris and one of the privates.

The thief, who pleaded not guilty, declared that it was a case of mistaken identity.

His Worship thanked the sailor and the two privates for the assistance they had rendered on behalf of the Police.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

Yesterday at the Happy Valley, Military ground, the Ambrose "B" defeated Marazion by 7 goals to nil. In consequence of the Carlisle's early departure from Hongkong, efforts are being made to complete her fixtures and the following is the United Service League Programme for this week:—

Monday.—Carlisle v. 2nd Wiltshire Regt., kick-off 4 p.m., Navy ground.

Wednesday.—2nd Wiltshire v. Tamar, kick-off 4 p.m., Navy ground. Ambrose "A" v. Alacrity, kick-off 4 p.m., Military ground.

Thursday.—Carlisle v. Ambrose "B," kick-off 4 p.m., Navy ground. Saturday.—Tamar v. Marazion, kick-off 4 p.m., Navy ground.

The Hawkins football team, which has done so well in the Straits recently, having arrived in Port are entering the Hongkong Shield Competition. This will further increase the interest in the Competition, as their ship possesses the crack team of the China Fleet.

A PECULIAR DISEASE.

A peculiar disease that is still confined chiefly to certain river valleys of Japan, but suggests possibilities of breaking loose as a wide-spread epidemic, has been a subject of recent investigation. It is known as "tsutsugamushi," and is transmitted by the "akamushi," an insect parasite of certain field mice. It is a fever strikingly similar to typhus and Rocky Mountain spotted fevers. The investigators have learned that its chief occurrence is in the months of June to October, which is the time of development of the insect carriers, and the season when the peasant victims of the disease are brought into contact with the mice. The mortality, though very variable sometimes exceeds 50 per cent. Under existing conditions, bites by the insects cannot be wholly avoided, and cutting out the bitten part does not prevent the spread of the virus, while such remedies as iodine, mercury, arsenic, quinine and dyes have proven ineffective. The only hope of stamping out the disease seems to rest in the extermination of the field mice.

KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes to successful students of the Kowloon British School, Kowloon, took place at the School yesterday afternoon. After Mr. F. Nightingale, headmaster of the school, had read the annual report the pupils entertained those present with an excellent concert. Songs and dances were rendered by the children and the standard they attained reflected credit on their good training. "Merry-go-round" and "Pop goes the Weasel" were performed by the infants and were much appreciated.

Lady Rees Davies presented the prizes and at the conclusion she had much pleasure in having accepted the invitation of the School to present the prizes. She always thought Hongkong was very fortunate in having so many schools and no doubt the children would agree with her that school life was probably the happiest time in life. It was in the school the children first made friends and it was also there that they first learned to play games—football, hockey, etc., which do so much to strengthen character and which help considerably to make the boys good fighting men in the battle of life. As regards the school work, continued Lady Rees Davies, the excellent results shown in Mr. Nightingale's report showed how much the children owed to their teachers. In conclusion Lady Rees Davies wished the school all success and happiness in the future.

Lady Rees Davies was then presented with a beautiful bouquet by the Misses Mary Davison and Kathleen Crook.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The Headmaster's report was as follows:

I came here as Head Master on 10th October, 1919, succeeding Mr. Edwards, transferred to Queen's College. The maximum enrolment during the year ended 31st December, 1919, was 94—7 more than the previous year. The average daily attendance was 71—an increase of 6. There were many changes in the staff during the period under review. Miss Suche and Miss Murphy resigned. Mrs. Hoy and Mrs. James joined the staff in October and Miss Rosser in November. Miss Macdonald was appointed in September as Drill and Sewing Mistress. The discipline and tone are very good. Prefects, both boys and girls, have recently been appointed, and the manner in which they have carried out their several duties, with the consequent smooth running of the school machinery, justifies the confidence I have reposed in them. In November, in the presence of the Director of Education and many parents and friends, Mrs. Ralph presented badges to the prefects. Throughout the school a very strong growth of interest in studies is perceptible: the pupils are attentive and regular in attendance; a. evidence that eagerness to learn which must eventually ensure a successful school career. We have been handicapped by the lack of necessary apparatus—charts, maps, etc.—due to the difficulty or impossibility of obtaining supplies from home. I hope shortly to see on the walls of every classroom copies of the world's best pictures. Educationalists are now generally agreed that lessons taught incidentally are no less important than systematic instruction in the subjects of the school curriculum. The artistic sense of the child must be educated, hence the environment of the children should receive the teachers' earnest attention. The decoration of classrooms should not proceed upon the utilitarian principle alone; the aim of a teacher should be to set up a standard of beauty to which a child may unconsciously refer for comparison.

The general result of the annual examination conducted in December was good, the chief improvement being shown in Composition, History, Geography and Dictation, especially by Classes 4 and 5, taught by Mrs. Thomson, whose work I cannot praise too highly. Arithmetic has certainly improved in all classes except in Classes 2 and 3, in which Geometry and Algebra also were very weak. Special efforts will be made to eliminate this weakness. Good progress is recorded in the Chinese class. The Cookery classes under Mrs. Clark were very successful, but were discontinued during the latter half of the year. Singing was taken by Miss Neave in the Lower School. Mrs. Hoy now has

charge of the Singing in the Upper School and this afternoon you will have an opportunity of judging of the progress made. Here I must express my appreciation of the excellent work done by Mrs. Thomson in Classes IV and V, Mrs. Hoy in Class VI, Miss Neave in Class VII, Mrs. James in Class VIII, and Mrs. Clark in the Infant and Kindergarten Classes.

In the Hongkong University Local Examinations one boy was entered for the Senior Locals, but failed: four boys and one girl were entered for the Junior Locals. Of these Bessie George passed in seven subjects and A. Kinross and W. Forsyth in five. This result is good. The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Scholarships are awarded this year to A. Kinross and Pearl Ogilvie.

Now I must pass to the social and athletic side of school-life. We have a School Library and Reading Room, and the number of books has been considerably increased through the generosity of friends, who also provide newspapers and magazines. The volumes have been catalogued and numbered by the Senior Prefect, Leslie Cropley, who has proved a most efficient librarian.

In October there was a Peace Celebration Picnic to Junk Day. On November 11th, Armistice Day, the Director of Education presented the medals struck locally in commemoration of the event to all the pupils. On November 21st, the first School Sports were held at the Kowloon Cricket Club and the prizes were distributed by H. E. the Governor. On December 5th, we had a Fancy Dress Dance at St. Andrew's Church Hall, and at the end of the school year a Christmas Party with games and dances. At the Queen's College annual swimming sports we competed in the team race, but were unsuccessful. Inter-class football matches have been played, and hockey is a very popular game. We hope this year to have courts provided for tennis, darts and basket ball. We now have organized drill, gymnastics and country dances under the direction of Miss Macdonald, and the children have benefited physically to a great extent. In November Mr. Thompson of the Naval Yard voluntarily offered to give the senior boys instruction in physical culture and the art of self-defence. A class was formed, and every Thursday, at the close of afternoon school, between 20 and 30 boys undergo a course of instruction which, besides improving their physique, also strengthens their powers of self-control and self-discipline.

In conclusion I should like to pay tribute to the energy, enthusiasm and conscientious work of all the staff; to the splendid support I have received from all parents and friends of the school and to thank you, Lady Rees Davies, for your kindness in coming here this evening to distribute the prizes.

PRIZE LIST.

Class I.—Leslie Cropley, English, Geography, History.
Class II.—Florence George, Junior Local Certificate and Form Prize; Andrew Kinross, Junior Local Certificate and Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s Scholarship; William Forsyth, Junior Local Certificate and Government Scholarship.
Class III.—Pearl Ogilvie, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s Scholarship; John Collett, Government Scholarship.
Class IV.—Florence Neave, Government Scholarship; Edward Murphy, 2nd in examination; Sidney Searle, Scripture, History.
Class V.—Kathleen Heron, Government Scholarship; Daisy Wicheil, Composition, History, Scripture; Seton Rosser, General progress.
Class VI.—Robert Wicheil, Government Scholarship; James Clarke, 2nd in examination.
Class VII.—G. G. Edwards, Government Scholarship; Irene Raymond, 2nd in examination.
Class VIII.—Arthur Clarke, 1st in examination; Christopher Holmes, 2nd in examination.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Class II.—David Harvey, Headmaster's prize for regular attendance.
Class V.—Nettie Thorburn, Headmaster's prize for regular attendance.
Class VIII.—Robert Mackintosh, Headmaster's prize for regular attendance.
Upper School.—Pearl Ogilvie, Mr. Frost's prize for general progress and punctuality.
Lower School.—Robert Wicheil, Mr. Frost's prize for general progress and punctuality.

Class IV.—Cissie East, Mrs. Thomson's prize for general progress.

Class V.—Hugh Mackintosh, Mrs. Thomson's prize for general progress.

Class VI.—Dorothy Heron, Mr. Hoy's prize for general progress.

Class VII.—Sadie Thorburn, prize for general progress.

Class VIII.—Archie Frost, prize for general progress.

Class A. Infants.—Jimmie Diss, First in examination; Harry Diss, Second in examination; Dorothy Avenell, Arithmetic and Drawing; Reginald Woolley, Arithmetic and Reading; George Rasmussen, Arithmetic and Recitation; Constance Brand, Reading and Recitation; Ronald Brand, Reading and Recitation; Jack Thomson, Arithmetic and Recitation; Marian Bryson, Recitation and Dictation.

Class B. Infants.—Charlie Thomson, General progress; Mary Davison, General progress; Marjorie Coole, General progress; Edith Mead, General progress; Chrissie Dixon, General progress; Laurella Routh, General progress; Kathleen Crook, General progress.

A PHOTO NEWSPAPER.

The promoter of a Chinese newspaper in Paris is said to have been faced with the difficulty of a complete lack of Chinese "characters" in the printing establishments. The difficulty was overcome by the method New York journals adopted during the recent strike, with the difference that the Chinese manuscript had to be written instead of typed. Photographs of the script were then taken, and "stereo" plates made from the photographs.

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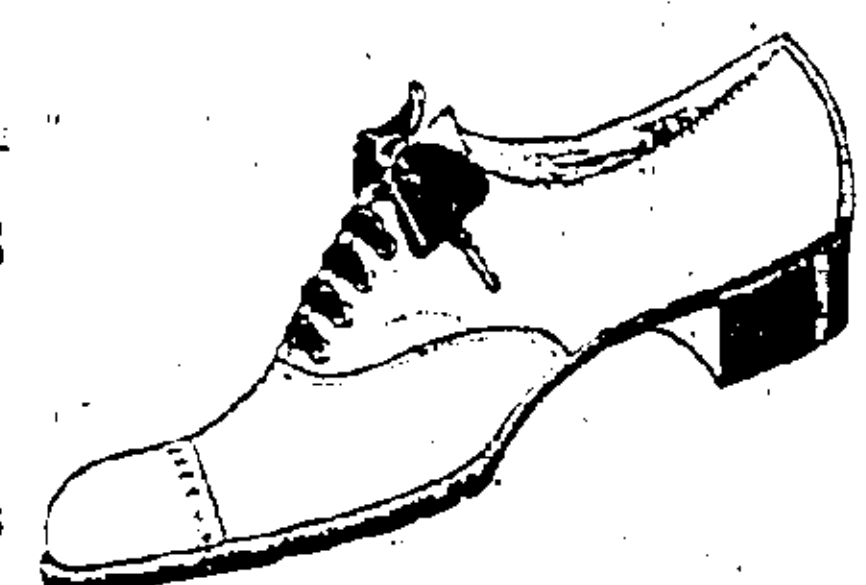
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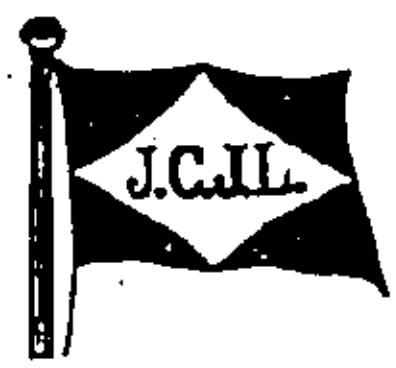
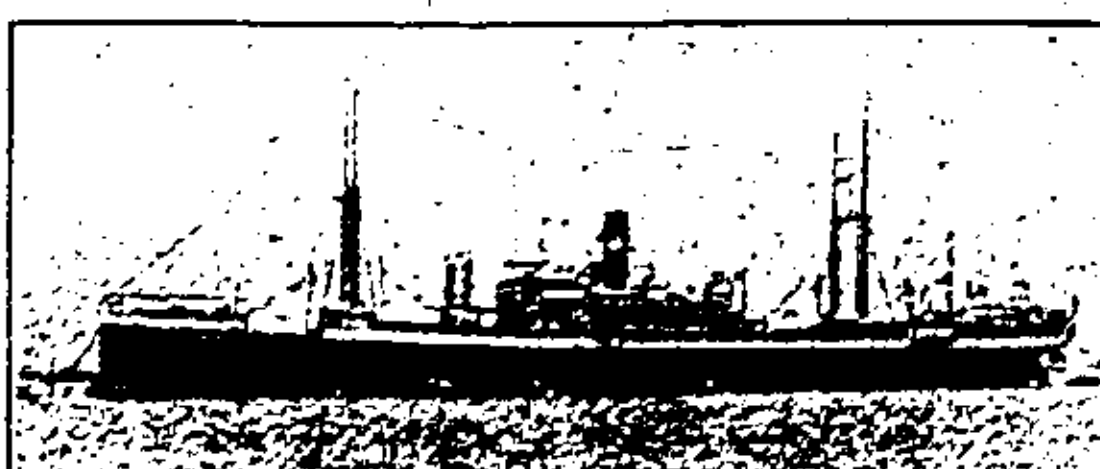
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THE OPERA.

FURTHER ATTRACTIONS.

Last night's opera at the Theatre Royal, "La Jewess," was presented to a very appreciative audience, and was as great a success as its predecessors. The theme was an engrossing one and gave many opportunities to the cast to display their emotional and dramatic talents. As Richa, the Jewess, Miss Gusieva again justified the high opinions which have been formed of her acting and singing. The piece provides a decided attraction in the scope given to the Ballet, which made its appearance in the first three acts. The movements were executed by the girls with a rhythm that was a pleasure to witness.

The public will be interested to learn that the company has decided to extend its season to a further three performances, in addition to to-day's matinee and night performances. On Monday "Huguenots" will be presented, in which we are given to understand the whole of the cast will appear. A repetition of those popular operas "L'Esclavage" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" is to be given on Tuesday, and the final performance will take place on the following night, when, by special request, "La Boheme" is again to be presented.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.—25th January 1920. 3rd Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion (8.30 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Festal. Venite. Hosanna. Psalms: Stainer and Supper (8th evening). Te Deum: Barnby. Turle and Turle (13th evening). Benedictus: Wickes (10th evening). Hymns: 474, 169. Severfold Amen. God Save the King. N.B.—Psalm 42, verses 1, 7, 9, and 15 in unison. Psalm 43, verses 3 & 4 in unison. Hymn 474, verse 1 in unison. Hymn 169, verses 1 and 3 in unison. Litany (12 noon.) Evensong (5 p.m.) Responses: Festal. Psalms: Tallis and Rimbault (6th evening). Magnificat: Battishill (4th evening). Nunc Dimittis: Felton. Hymns: 73, (33) 249, 401. Sevenfold Amen. N.B.—Psalm 33, verses 1, 2, 7, 9, 12 & 20 in unison. Psalm 34, verses 1, 3, 8, 17 & 22 in unison. Hymn 73, verse 4 in unison. Hymn 249, verse 4 in unison. Hymn 401, verse 4 in unison.

UNION CHURCH KENNEDY ROAD.—Sunday Services Jan. 25th. Morning at 11 a.m. Hymns: 5, 535, 41, 51. Psalm 148. Evening at 6 p.m. Hymns: 229, 147, 169, 399. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

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SPORTING TIT-BITS.

The A.A.A. high jump champion, B. H. Baker, has taken to hurdling and is said to be doing very good times in practice.

A daughter of Stephen Bloomer—Miss Hetty Bloomer—is about to be married to the Derby County forward, A. Quantrell.

It is still a doubtful point whether D. D. B. Cook, the Mercestonian, will get his place in the Cambridge University fifteen.

F. R. Walls, who is in the Glasgow Inter-City team, is the son of an old Scottish forward and ex-president of the Scottish Football Union.

Blackburn Rovers are reported to be willing to give £20,000 for David Rolfe, of Linfield club, the Irish international. The sum is not regarded as big enough.

Yorkshire County Cricket Club will have a full programme next season, and all the players who helped to win the championship this year will be available.

A movement is on foot to establish lawn tennis matches between Oxford and Cambridge Universities and Yale, the champion University of America, next summer.

James Morton, the old Hibernian forward, who also played for Burnley and Bristol Rovers, has just been demobilised, and has been granted a free transfer by the latter club.

Shiraz J. A. R. Cargill, the old Edinburgh Academical forward, is refereeing in the London district. He is reported to be one of those who do not penalise a side for trivialities.

South Africa and Rumania have intimated their intention of taking part in the Olympic Games at Antwerp. Both have asked that Rugby football should be included in the programme.

"Rugger" players interested in the Inter Services Championship last season will remember Captain George Thom, of the R.A.F. side, a splendid forward. He is now being "demobbed," and is likely to spend the remainder of this winter in Kirkcaldy. Before going to Canada several years ago he played for the Kirkcaldy side along with the late D. D. Howie.

The Scottish selectors, writes an Edinburgh man, not yet demobilised, would do well to have a look at "Lieut. L. A. G. Daiziel of the Royal Scots Fusiliers." He is one of the best stand-off halves in the South, and although an old Marlborough boy a good Scot. At present he is with the R. A. F. Well off indeed for stand-off halves is the country that can afford to pass him over.

Mr. Hugh Moncrieff, a prominent Glasgow solicitor, who died at his home on the outskirts of Kilsyth, was a well-known Rugby player 40 years ago. He played for Glasgow University and afterwards for the West of Scotland, as a half-back. He was a solicitor for the Scottish Football Association, and conducted the legal business arising out of the Huxford disaster. One of his partners was Mr. T. Warren, father of the Kelvin-side Academical of that name.

The following has been written as regards "Bombardier" Wells in connection with his display against Arthur Townley:—"When he had punched Arthur into a condition bordering on paralysis he stopped. With his opponent tottering in front of him, Wells flunked the final blow. Fully a dozen times did he half-step in with poised glove. I was watching him carefully, for temperament has always interested me. To my thinking, his muscles simply refused to act. He couldn't bring himself to the point of using that terrific punch on a thoroughly beaten man. His legs positively wobbled under him, and he merely pushed Townley away feebly with both hands, while the crowd howled for blood."

The Committee of the Scottish Football League appeal to club enthusiasts to refrain from "blowing whistles, bugles, and operating other noisy instruments while driving through the cities and towns to football matches."

They also appeal to all parties to "desist from blowing whistles while inside the enclosures, which interferes with the play, and also to desist from blowing bugles and operating other hideous instruments, which disturbs the peaceable enjoyment of the game." It is stated that complaints have been received from relatives of people who are ill and from the police as to the frightening of horses by the occupants of brakes waving flags. The hope is expressed that the appeal will have the desired effect; otherwise it is stated that steps will require to be taken to bring about a more orderly state of affairs.

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ALL "CONERS" RACE:—

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Event 2.—FOURS:—

(a) Inter Port Fours (Challenge Cup). Course 1 mile.
(b) Junior Fours.
(c) Hongkong Race (Brokers' Cup).

Crews from any one Hong. Officers of H.B.M. Navy, H.B.M. Army and Civil Services may enter for this race. A combined crew from two small Hong. may enter at the discretion of the Rowing Committee.

Miniatures of the Challenge and Brokers' Cups will be presented to each Member of the winning crews.

Event 3.—PAIR OARS:—

(a) Inter Port. Course 1 mile.
(b) Junior Pairs. Course 1 mile.

Event 4.—DOUBLE SCULLS:—

OPEN. Course 1 mile.

Event 5.—SINGLE SCULLS:—

(Challenge Cup). OPEN. Course 1 mile.

Event 6.—MIXED DOUBLE SCULLS:—

Open to Ladies and Gentlemen with Lady Coxswain. Course 1 mile.

The proposed programme may be added to or varied later if found desirable. Names of individuals and crews to be sent to the undersigned not later than one week before the regatta. The finishing point will be the Club House.

Entrance Fees:—\$5.00 for Four.
\$3.00 for Pair Oar Boats.
\$2.00 for Singles.

J. S. MCCANN.

Hon. Rowing Secretary.

Practices take place at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesdays & Fridays and Coaches have kindly consented to Coach crews on these days.

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"THE TENTS OF THE ARABS"
AND
"THE GODS OF THE MOUNTAIN"
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on Wednesday .. 18th ..
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Advance " " " " " January 30th "

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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& MANILA.

From SOUTH AMERICAN

PORTS via SAN FRANCISCO.

HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS.

The above named Steamer

having arrived Thursday,

January, 22nd.

Consignees of cargo are hereby

notified to present their Bills of

Lading for countersignature, and

take immediate delivery from

alongside steamer or the Com-

pany's Godown, where all cargo

impeding immediate discharge

will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on

cargo remaining undelivered after

Thursday, January, 29th 1920.

All broken, chafed and damaged

packages will be landed into the

Company's Godowns, where same

will be examined on Tuesday,

January 27th, 1920 at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised

after the goods have left the

steamer or Godown, and none will

be entertained if presented later

than three weeks after arrival of

steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever

will be effected.

T. DAIGO,

Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1919.

NOTICE.

The Annual Open Billiard Championship of the Colony, held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Entries close on 31st January and are to be accompanied by entrance fee of \$2.

The number of points to be played and other arrangements will be decided at a meeting of the Competitors.

The competition is open to all in the Colony.

R. H. B. MITCHELL,

Hon. Secretary.

Victoria Recreation Club.

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY.

TEA DANCING FROM 4 p.m.

TO 7 p.m.

DINNER DANCING FROM

8 p.m.

J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

TO BE LET.

TO LET.—No. 3 Seymour Terrace from middle February at \$115 per month including taxes. Apply Linstead & Davis.

NOTICE.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES VICTORIA BUILDING on Thursday 5th February 1920 at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of receiving the REPORT of DIRECTORS together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday 28th January to Thursday 5th February 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE

Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for the

Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty Second Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Thursday 29th, January 1920 at 12 o'clock at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be Closed from Monday 19th to Thursday 29th, January 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE

Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nineteenth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on Thursday the 29th, January 1920 at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st, December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the company will be Closed from Monday 19th to Thursday 29th, January 1920 (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE

Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited, on Thursday 29th January 1920 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be Closed from Monday 19th to Thursday 29th January 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

The Hongkong Central

Estate, Limited.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE

Secretary to

The General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

NOTICES.

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THE SECRET AGENT.

STAMP ALBUM KEY TO NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

Joseph Marks, said to be one of the cleverest and most resourceful of Germany's secret service agents, has been deported from London under the careful auspices of Scotland Yard.

There was an affecting scene at Charing Cross Station when Marks, as he boarded the Continental express, bade good-bye to a weeping woman friend who had followed the vicissitudes of his career with affectionate interest.

It was in the early days of the war that Marks, the friend of Karl Lody and the dashing young naval lieutenant Bushmann—both of whom were executed at the Tower—went to England. He landed at a south-eastern port with an album of foreign stamps, the code with which he was to inform the German Admiralty of the movements and activities of the British Navy. He made no secret of his identity and admitted to his interrogators that he was a German born citizen. Scotland Yard, however, had its doubts of his bona fides, and accordingly he was cross-examined by Sir Basil Thomson, director of the British secret service. A dramatic moment came when this hiring of Steinbauer, the head of the German espionage system, broke down with tears in his eyes under the ordeal of examination. Not only did he admit his origin and mission, but he openly confessed that the album of stamps found in his possession was the secret code with which he promised to notify the German Government of the movement of the Grand Fleet and the patrols distributed over various parts of the British coast. His confession of the hazardous role not only saved his own life but enabled the British authorities to keep a sharp look-out for others engaged on a similar mission. Marks was tried before a court-martial at the Middlesex Guildhall, and sentenced to penal servitude. In the buffer adjoining Charing Cross Station the spy related to a *Daily Express* representative the story of his capture at Tibbury by Scotland Yard detectives, and then told some of his prison experiences. Among other things, he mentioned his meeting with Bushmann, the German lieutenant who married a million aire, and the daughter of a Prussian was shot in the Tower.

"I was never so surprised," said Marks, "as when I met Bushmann and we had long talks together in Wandsworth gaol. We were both tried at the same court. The night before Bushmann's execution we had a farewell chat, and it was then that he related the romantic circumstances of his love affair with the daughter of a Prussian millionaire who is one of the premier soap manufacturers in Germany. I thanked my stars that I did not share his fate. But Bushmann went to the execution shed with a smile on his face and came to the salute as the firing squad sent him to his doom."

Marks added that he conversed with several of the German spies who were shot. "They died a soldier's death," he remarked, "but in my case I think the authorities made a mistake." Marks is the son of a well-known family at Aix-la-Chapelle. He was thrice suspected of espionage by the Germans and arrested. The British Government, however, had conclusive proof of his mission to Britain, and had it not been for his complete confession he would have shared the fate of Lody, Bushmann, and other spies.

BLACK SHEEP OF THE FAMILY.

CRIMINALS THE VICTIMS OF HEREDITY.

Last May there died at his post in Manchester a young scientist, whom Mr. E. V. Lucas has described as "the honestest and most understandingly tolerant man that ever lived." His name was Dr. Charles Goring, and he had published some time before his death a massive treatise on the criminal which other experts in criminology regard as epoch-making.

This treatise—"The English Convict"—has just been republished in a popular abridged form at 3s. by His Majesty's Stationery Office, with a new preface by Dr. Karl Pearson, the famous biological statistician of London University. In his preface Dr. Pearson, surveying the result of Goring's examination of the physique and pedigree of 3,000 convicts, puts forward some extraordinarily interesting opinions as to how criminals are made.

The chief of these conclusions is that a tendency to crime is inherited, like a tendency to melancholia, and probably with equal disregard to social rank or surroundings. Just as the members of some families are specially inclined to commit suicide, so the members of other families are specially inclined to commit crimes.

"There are families," writes Professor Pearson, "in which generation after generation, individual members take to drink, to gambling, and ultimately, very frequently, to fraud; these-called 'black sheep' appears and reappears, brings disgrace upon the family here, or is conveniently shipped and lost in the wastes of East or West."

"I am convinced that lack of social instinct is hereditary, and this in families where there is no lack of training and supervision, where the environment, in short, is good, and there is no tradition of crime, for the failures are kept secret from at least the younger generation."

His summing up, accordingly, is that crime is more largely a result of nature than of nurture. The animal is usually a man with a mental defect, owing to which he never possesses, and never will possess, the instinct of the gregarious animal, the instinct which compels it to observe the rules of the pack. He has no sense of social or moral responsibility, without which any society, either of man or beast, must cease to exist.

Can you detect a criminal by the shape of his head? Lemtoso, the Italian criminologist, taught that you can. Goring's researches seem to show that you cannot. He measured the heads of 800 convicts and reconstructed the typical criminal head. He then compared this head with the type obtained from a battalion of Royal Engineers. The difference was found to be unsubstantial. Hence the horns of a dilemma; either the men of the Royal Engineers are potential criminals, or criminals do not differ in the shape of the head from the general population. There is, in fact, no such thing as a physical criminal type.

Dr. Karl Pearson does not claim for this or any other of Goring's results the value of a conclusive test. What he is eager to see is a fuller study of mental defect, especially of the borderland cases, cases and of the social inefficients. He therefore urges that not only the prison and the reformatory, but also the asylums for the mentally defective should be used as laboratories for the study of criminology.

TRADE CRIPPLED BY EXCHANGE RATES.

BOOTS AT 30 TIMES THE PRE-WAR PRICE.

It would actually pay to buy boots at retail prices in Germany and sell them wholesale in England.

This remarkable extract from a letter, written by a British trader in Cologne, who went over to Germany to investigate the possibility of exporting footwear to that country, was shown recently to a *Daily Chronicle* representative by the head of a large firm of boot factors.

"Yes," he declared, "although there is something approaching a boot famine on the Continent, this is quite feasible. It is one of the unfortunate results of the abnormal rates of exchange."

British manufacturers could do an enormous business with European countries," he went on, "if only the exchange was not so heavily against their potential customers."

As it is, British boots, exported at a profit, cannot be placed on the German market at much less than 30 times the pre-war prices: in Rumania the advance would be about 1,200 per cent; and in France and Belgium about 600 per cent.

"Although the Continent is very short of footwear, the scarcity is not so acute that the consumer is willing to pay such high prices as this."

"Charges of British manufacturers have increased fourfold since 1914, and the variation of the exchange makes up the difference in the price at which it is possible to sell English goods in these countries."

Before the war our firm carried on a large export business, now there is nothing doing."

"As soon as the armistice was signed my brother went to Belgium, eager to arrange for the sale of about 215,000 worth of boots and shoes, but the journey was absolutely useless. He tried other countries, but so far not one single deal has materialised."

"Let me illustrate the reason by taking a case in point," he continued, producing a pair of ladies' boots. "Before the war I could have bought these wholesale for about 5s. each. Now the manufacturers price is 32s. 6d."

"If I wanted to sell this line in Germany for, say, 24s. 6d., naturally I should demand to be paid in English money. Unfortunately the equivalent of this sum, at the current rate of exchange, is over 170 marks, or what would nominally be more than £3 10s. in British coinage."

"German manufacturers can place their goods on the market for much less. In fact, if only they had a surplus after satisfying the home demand, they could sell in England at a lower price than the British retailer is charging."

CHINESE STUDENTS IN ENGLAND.

London.—Chinese students are being encouraged to come over to Britain and to America, not to study law as formerly, but to study engineering and textile trades. It will take many years to establish mining and other industries in China, the new Consul General says, and he somewhat deplores the Party System of Government in China, for as we know by experience to this country great and sweeping changes and reform are brought about far more slowly by a Party Government than by united effort. Nevertheless she is rapidly casting away the traditions of a thousand years and more, and is opening her arms to the West ready to embrace the ideas, customs and civilization of the West.

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PASSES—100 PER CENT.

At the December Examination the first three students of the Hongkong Tutorial and Educational Institute passed.

This gave, for the first examination since its foundation, 100 per cent. of Passes to the Institute.

Classes for the July Examination in all subjects, including Latin and French, have commenced.

Prospectus on application.

The Hongkong Tutorial and Educational Institute.

43, Bonham Road—Opposite the University—Tel. 732.

Principal:—JOHN P. JONES, B.Sc., M. I. M. E.

BREVITIES.

It is believed that pistols were invented in Florence in 1545.

Sunday newspapers are said to have been started between 1780 and 1785.

An ordinary soapbubble is said to be only one five-millionth of an inch thick.

Mica can be split until its leaves are no thicker than a single molecule.

A decapitated snail, if kept in a moist place, will in a few days grow a new head.

Defective eyes turned down 22 out of every 100 men who tried to enter the United States army.

The twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except "j."

More than 20,000,000 tons of ice are manufactured annually in the United States.

Some of the caterpillars found in the vicinity of Darling river, Australia, are over six inches in length.

Jews of Poland welcomed General Pilsudski with an offering of bread and salt, which signifies a hearty welcome.

Lifeboats were invented by Mr. Greathhead, an Englishman, who received a premium from Parliament in May, 1802.

A piece of human bone will support half as much weight again as a piece of the best oak of the same thickness.

In a new comb for drying the hair a rubber bulb forces air heated by electricity in the handle through perforated teeth.

Out of 500,000 boys in the Canadian schools at the age of fourteen years not more than 25,000 go on to high school.

The husband of Ethel Barrymore, the famous actress, is Russell G. Colt, the manufacturer of revolvers and other firearms.

The highest interest that can be charged for a loan in the Isle of Man is 6 per cent. and that has been the lawful rate for more than 200 years.

A purchaser of an old Arab musket in an antique shop in Paris discovered in the barrel of it 240 valuable turquoises, all of beautiful colour.

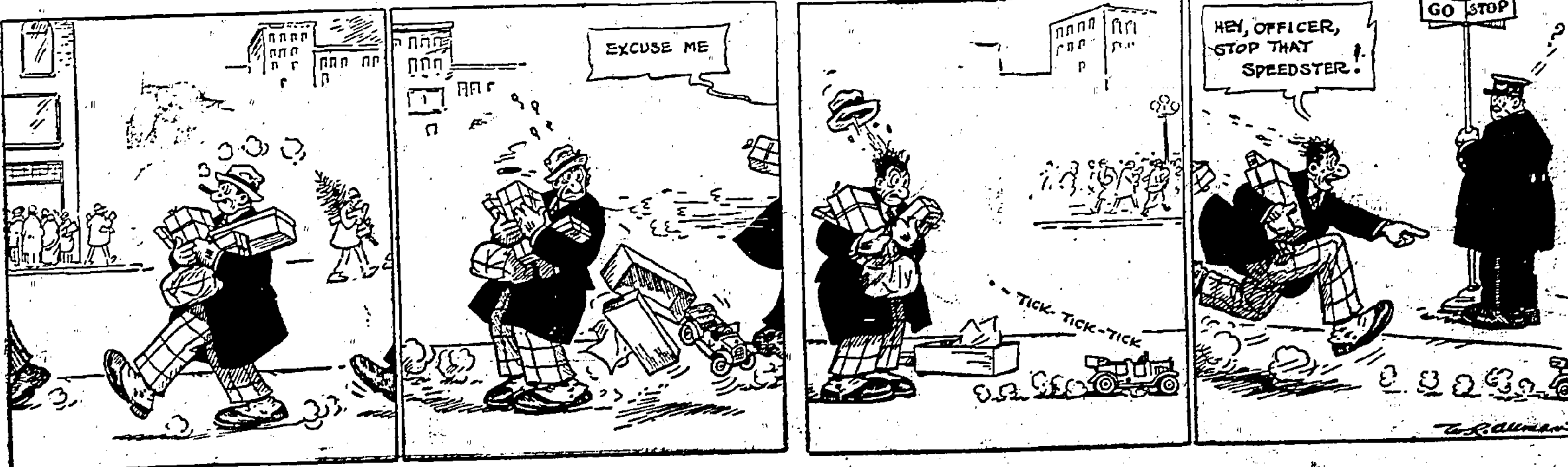
The first discovery of coal is said to have been made by a Belgian blacksmith named Hullos, who lived in a village near Liege, in 1049.

A strange custom is practised among the Eskimos. When a doctor is called in he receives his fee as soon as he arrives. If the patient recovers it is kept, if not it is returned.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Tom Does His Christmas Shopping—

BY ALLMAN.



PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT.

OLD COMRADES AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS.



(1898.)

Police Constables W. G. Gerrard, J. J. Watt, A. Gordon and R. MacDonald.



(1920.)

Inspectors W. G. Gerrard, J. J. Watt, A. Gordon and R. MacDonald.
(Photos: Mee Cheong.)

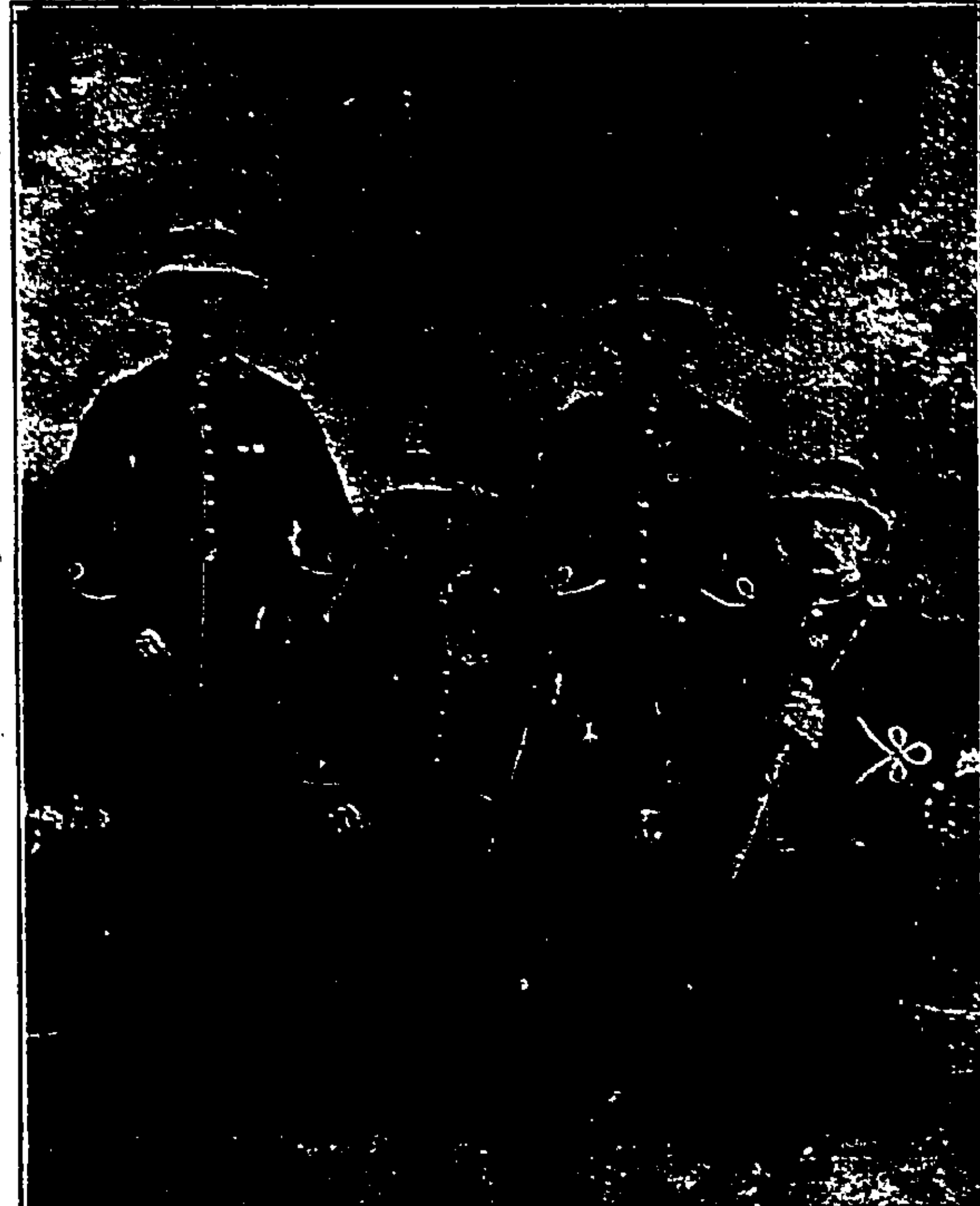


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Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese peace delegate to Paris, who has this week been in Hongkong on his way to Peking.

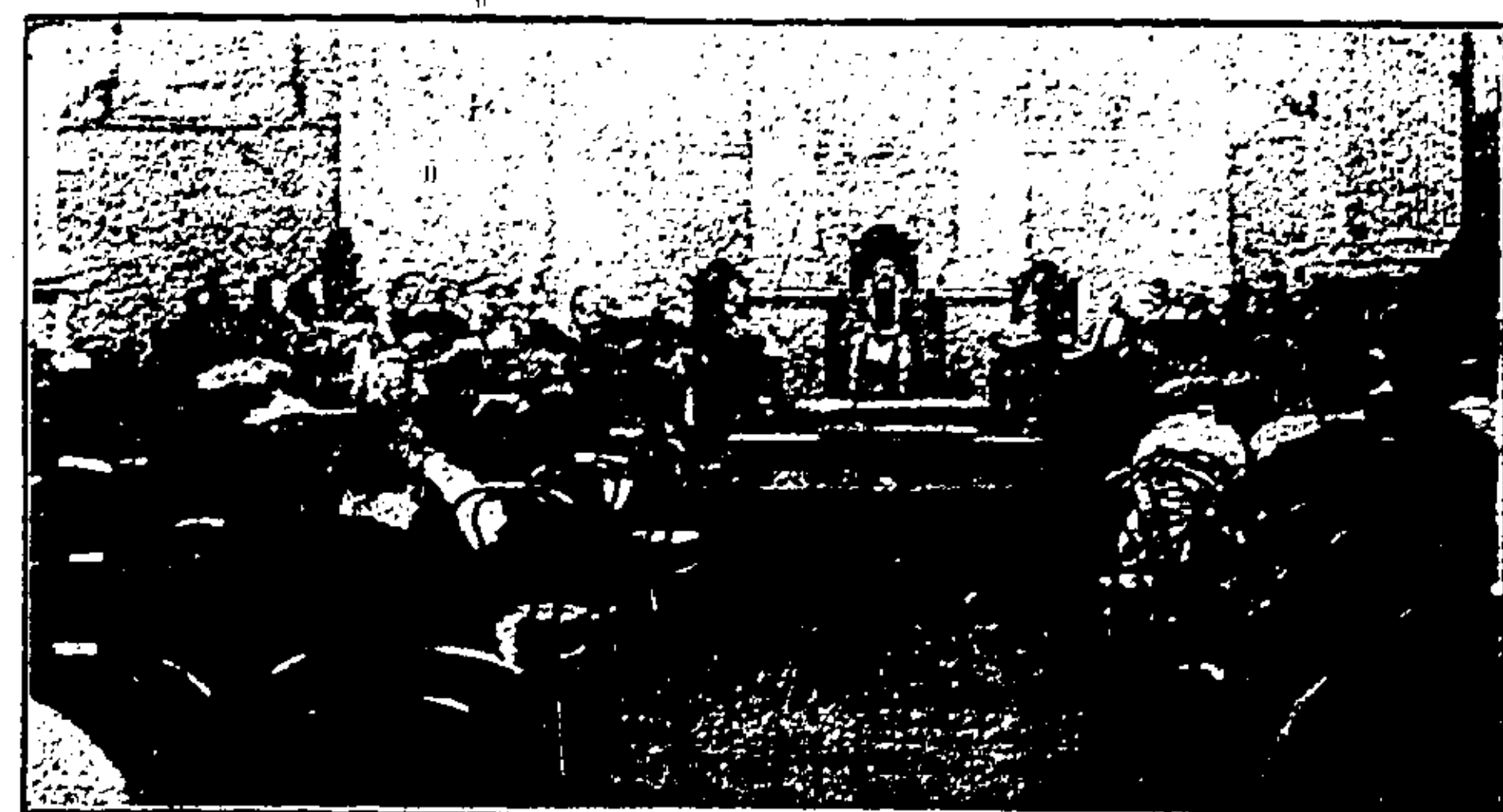


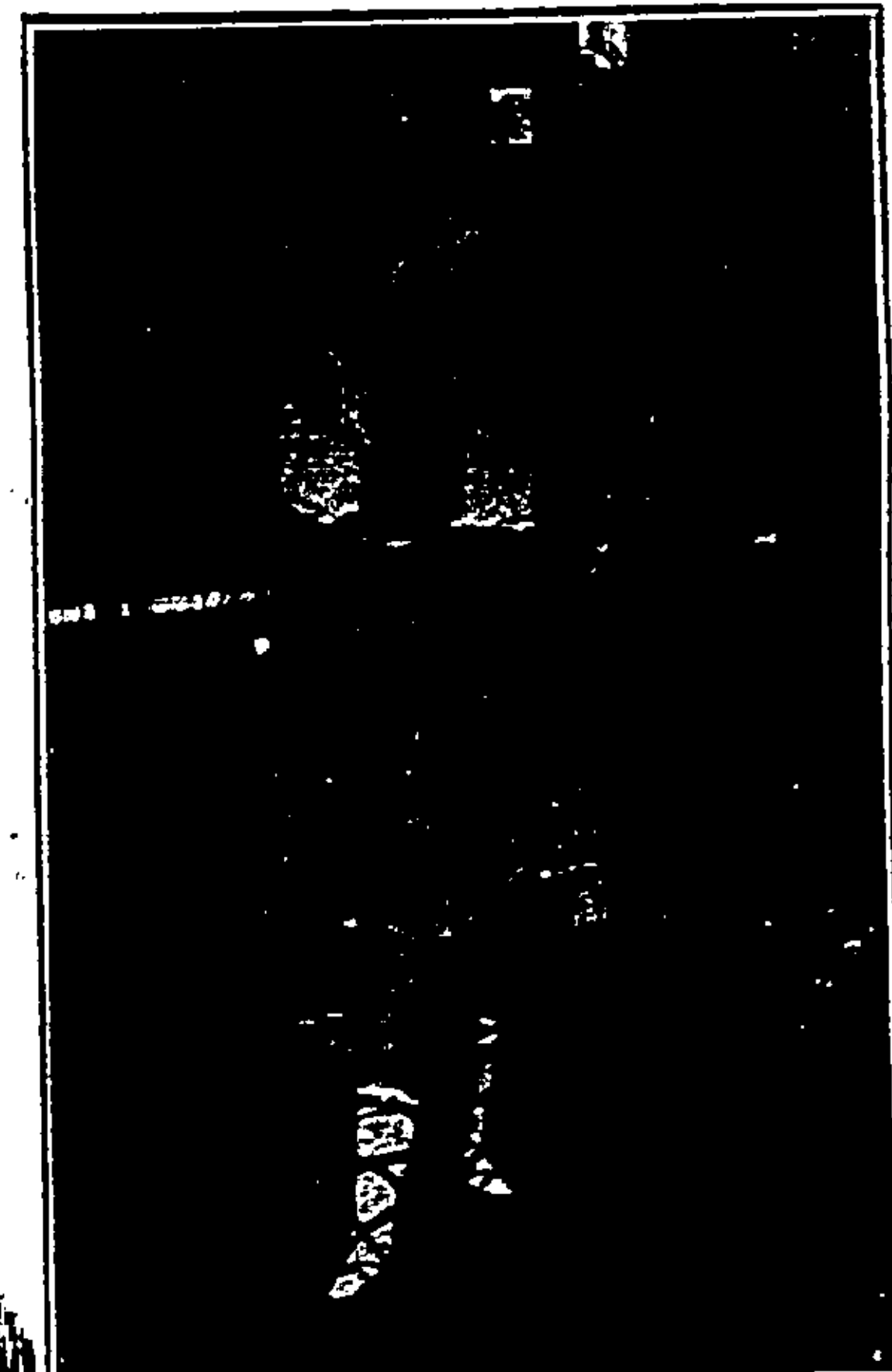
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Degree Day at the Hongkong University.



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H.E. the Governor at presentation of trophies to the winners of the Hongkong Schools Football League Championship.



Miss Beatrice Pennefather whose graceful dancing has featured in many local charitable entertainments.

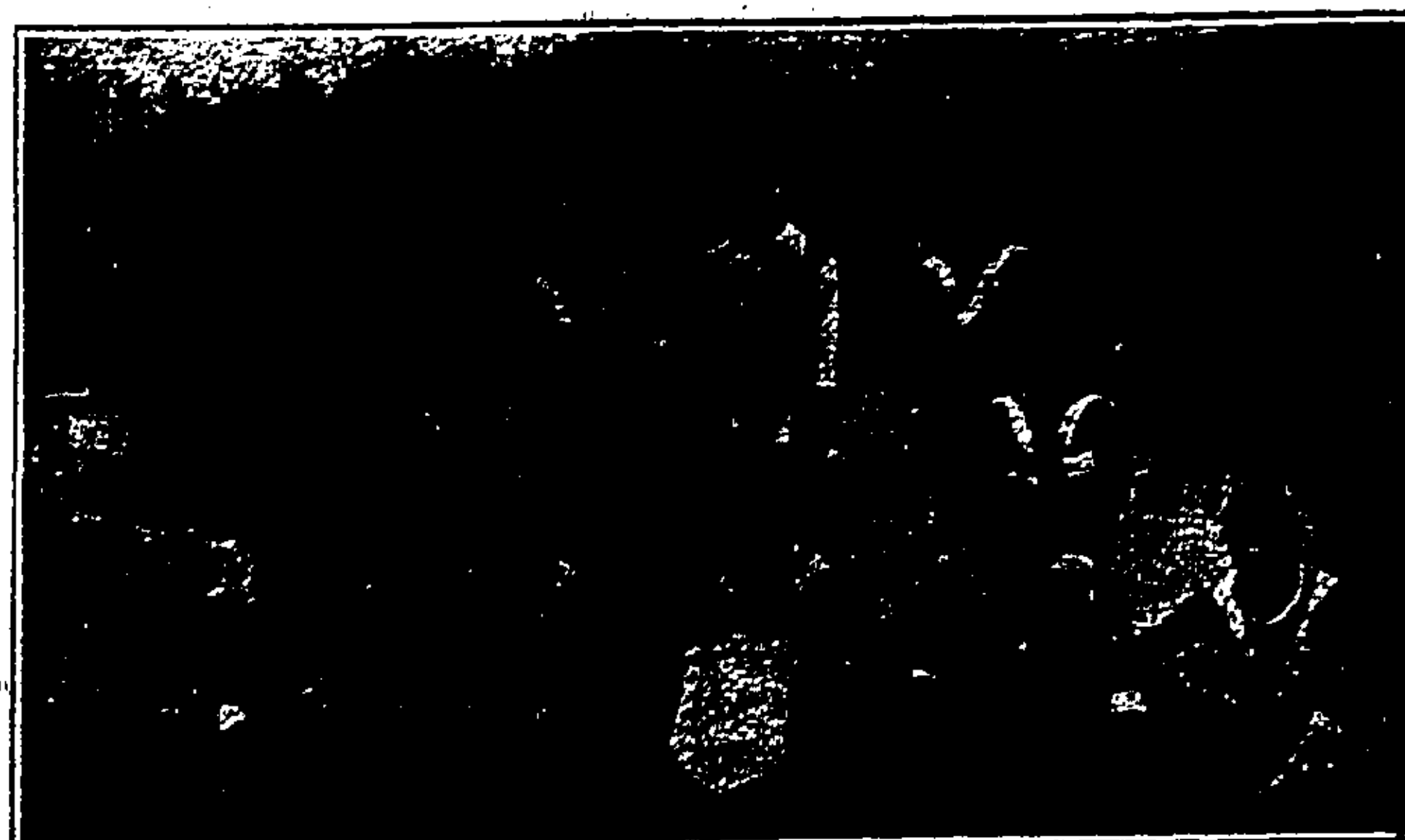


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St. Joseph's College team, winners of the Hongkong Schools Senior Football Championship.



Capt. Tom Gunn, the noted Chinese aviator and his wife. Capt. Gunn has just returned to Hongkong from the United States.

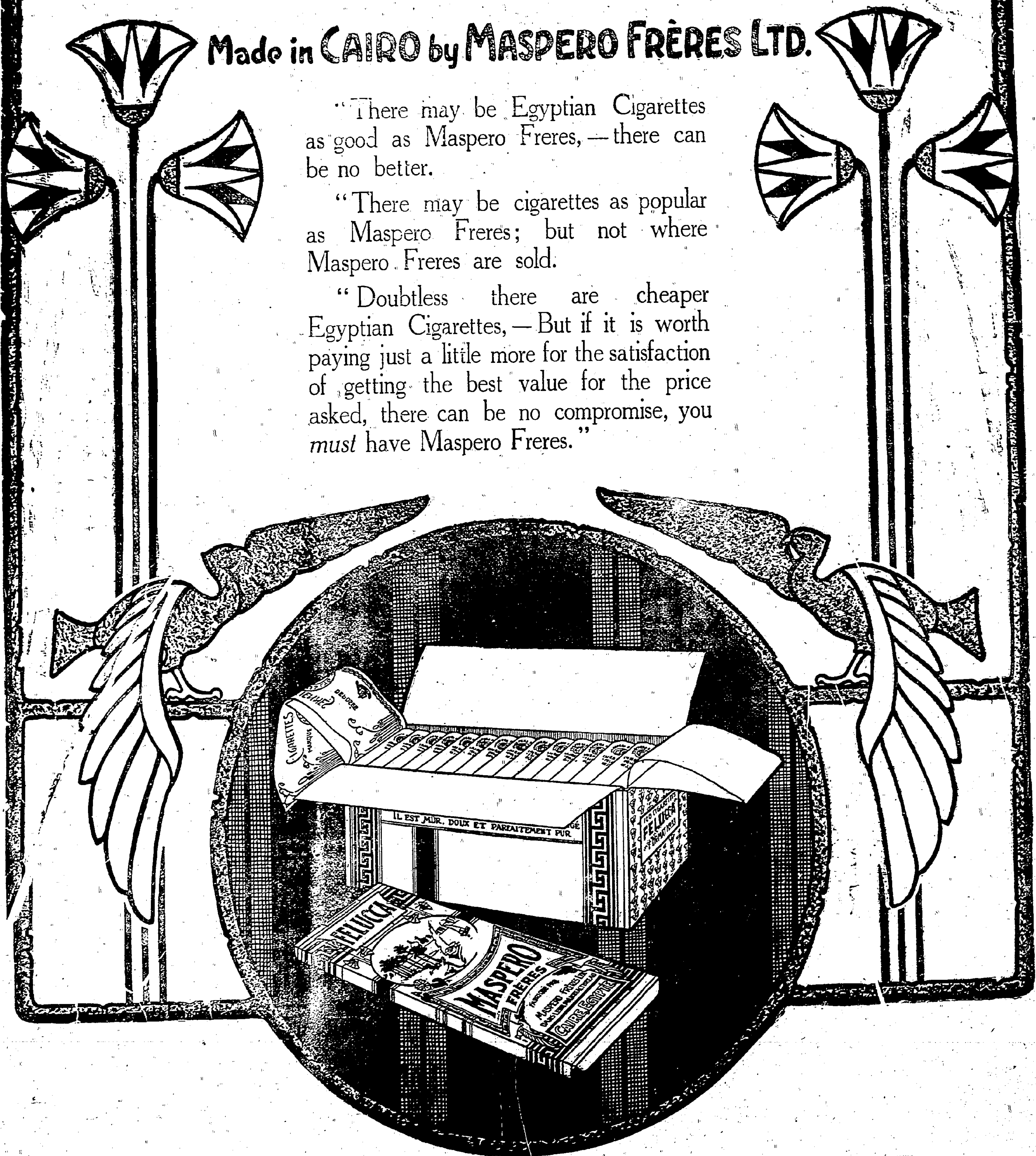
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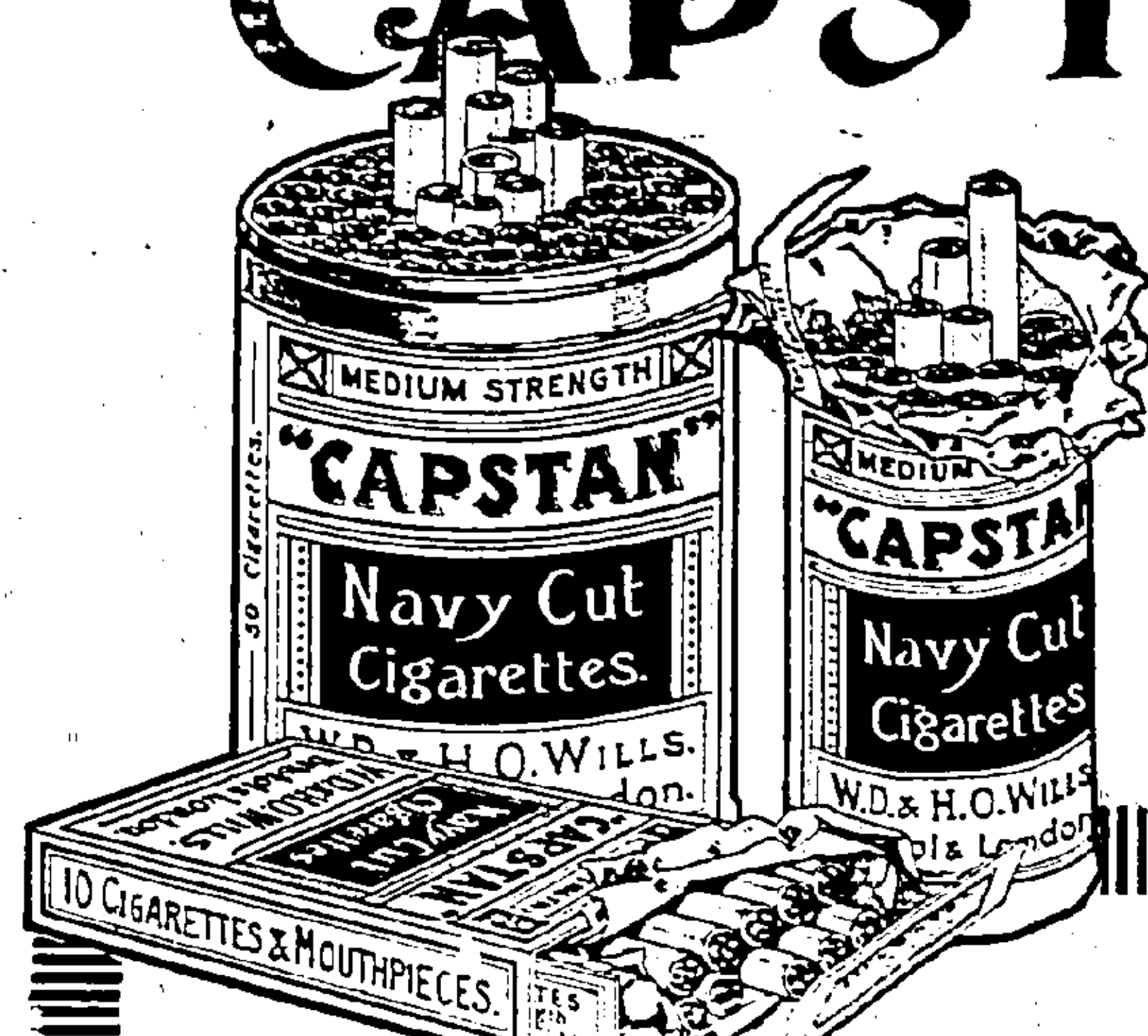
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THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Thirty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, February 6th 1920, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, January 27th 1920, to Friday, February 6th, 1920, Both Days Inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 22nd, 1920.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	5/11 1/2
Demand	5/11 1/4
30 d/s	5/11 1/8
60 d/s	5/11
4 m/s	5/11 1/8
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	219
T/T Japan	195
T/T India	221
Demand, India	221
T/T San Francisco	94
& New York	94
T/T Java	244
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	11.15
Demand, Paris	11.15

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	5/31 1/2
4 m/s. D/P	5/31 1/4
6 m/s. L/C	5/41 1/8
30 d/s Sydney and Melbourne	5/41 1/8
30 d/s San Francisco and New York	95 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	11.55
6 m/s. France	11.67
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	94 1/8
T/T Bombay	221
Demand, Bombay	221
T/T Calcutta	221
Demand, Calcutta	221
Demand, Manila	196
Demand, Singapore	219
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
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" 50 "	\$15 per mil.
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Per s.s. TRESIAS, 23rd Jan., 1920 for Straits & London:—Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Wheen, Mr. & Mrs. Chalmers, Dr. G. B. Archer, Mr. P. O. Dehn, Mr. W. Pontin, Miss H. Swan, Miss H. Rogers, Mr. C. H. Chistian, Mr. J. B. Ingie, Mrs. W. C. Carr, Miss I. B. Haldeman, Miss B. A. Haldeman, Mrs. Young, Mrs. A. G. Coopin, Miss Fuller, Mr. & Mrs. Moon, Mr. A. A. Claxton, Mr. A. J. Oakley, Mr. C. Stewart, Mr. H. Eaton, Mrs. H. Eaton, Mrs. Bookless, Miss E. Dawn, Mrs. J. M. McLeod, Mrs. S. Stark, Mrs. Heygate, Mr. P. O'Brien Butler, Mr. J. M. McLeod, Mr. E. Warwick, Miss R. Manchester, Miss E. Warner, Mrs. E. E. Schuyler, Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Lawrence, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Ogilby Davies, Miss Pritchard, Mrs. C. Finlayson, Mr. R. F. Almiral, Miss R. C. Almiral, Miss C. Vaughn, Mr. & Mrs. M. Paske-Smith, Mr. L. F. Fearon, Mr. F. Lockhart, Mrs. A. C. M. Binney, Master A. C. M. Binney, Mrs. C. P. Champion, Mrs. A. L. Hastings, Mr. & Mrs. W. M. McKenna, Mr. E. J. Harding, Capt. J. A. Bath, Mr. & Mrs. K. M. Ferguson, Mr. R. K. Rodger, Mr. A. Coghill, Mr. & Mrs. Ogilby Davies, Mr. N. F. Henley, Mr. & Mrs. B. Rottschaffer, Mr. J. W. Conklin, Miss E. W. Conklin.

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MONDAY, 26TH JANUARY.	
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Macao—Per SUI TAI, 26th Jan., 8.30 a.m.	
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Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 26th Jan., 4.30 p.m.	

TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY.	
Swatow & Bangkok—Per PAK-HOI, 27th Jan., 8 a.m.	
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 27th Jan., 8.30 a.m.	
Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 27th Jan., 11 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 27th Jan., 11 a.m.	
Amoy, Shanghai & North China—Per SHANTUNG, 27th Jan., 3 p.m.	
Shanghai and North China—Per HANGSANG, 27th Jan., 4 p.m.	
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 27th Jan., 4.30 p.m.	

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY.	
Macao—Per SUI AN, 28th Jan., 8.30 a.m.	
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 28th Jan., 4.30 p.m.	

THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY.	
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 29th Jan., 8.30 a.m.	
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 29th Jan., 11 a.m.	
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 29th Jan., 4.30 p.m.	

FRIDAY, 30TH JANUARY.	
Macao—Per SUI AN, 30th Jan., 8.30 a.m.	
Shanghai and North China—Per HAIHONG, 30th Jan., noon.	
Philippine Islands—Per YUEN-SANG, 30th Jan., 2 a.m.	
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 30th Jan., 4.30 p.m.	

SATURDAY, 31ST JANUARY.	
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 31st Jan., 1.30 p.m.	
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 31st Jan., 3 p.m.	
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 31st Jan., 4.30 p.m.	
Shanghai & North China—Per YINGCHOW, 31st Jan., 5 p.m.	